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Twenty-five parties, including ex-PM Khaleda Zia's BNP & Bangladesh's largest Islamist party Jamaat-e-Islami, sign July National Charter — a consensus on national reforms, with Muhammad Yunus saying it symbolises a 'tune of unity' ahead of elections, **OTHER BOOK, P 12**

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No foul play found so far: S'pore cops on Zubeen

Full Inquiry On, Urge Fans To Stay Patient

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Guwahati: Singapore Police Force issued a statement Friday, addressing continued speculation about Assamese music icon Zubeen Garg's death, saying it "does not suspect foul play" based on a "preliminary" probe, but remains committed to "a thorough and professional investigation" that would take time to complete.

"We seek the patience and understanding of the parties involved. Meanwhile, we urge the public not to speculate and spread unverified information," it said, mentioning that protocols of Coroners Act 2010 were being followed.

Singapore separately requested the Indian govt to ensure fans of the late singer-composer-lyricist, who died on Sept 19, do not flood PM Lawrence Wong's official Facebook page with the hashtag "#JusticeForZubeenGarg".

> Singapore police force is committed to conducting a thorough and professional investigation into the case (of Zubeen's death), and this takes time. We seek the patience and understanding of parties involved... we urge the public not to speculate and spread unverified information
>
> —Singapore police

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma declined to comment on what Singaporean investigators termed "preliminary" findings on Zubeen's death after he went swimming with his entourage and others during a trip to St John's Island.

He said members of the nine-strong SIT from Assam would travel to Singapore on Oct 20 and talk to their counterparts there the next day to take stock of the probe so far. "We will then have a clearer picture of how Singapore is conducting its investigation and the direction it is taking."

The death certificate issued by Singapore General Hospital, where the 52-year-old died, was handed over to the Indian high commission on Sept 20. It cites "drowning" as the cause of death.

Once Singapore cops complete their probe, the state coroner will determine whether to institute a coroner's inquiry, which is the equivalent of a judicial probe in India. The findings will then be made public.

▶7 held so far, P 12

Making UCC people-friendly: U'khand to HC

On implementation of Uniform Civil Code (UCC), Uttarakhand govt has told HC it plans to amend several provisions of UCC rules to make them "more practical, transparent and citizen-friendly". The proposed changes — detailed in a 78-page affidavit submitted before the division bench — seek to "clarify procedures around live-in relationships, registration & appeals while strengthening privacy protections", **reports Pankul Sharma. P 6**

SC nixes Roche's plea against nod for generic drug

SC on Friday dismissed Swiss pharma major Roche petition challenging a Delhi HC ruling, paving the way for Hyderabad-based Natco to launch a generic version of Risdiplam, a spinal muscular atrophy drug. Natco has launched generic Risdiplam, a drug to treat spinal muscular atrophy at a fraction of the MNC's price. **OTHER BOOK, P8**

Now, traffic challan alerts on WhatsApp

Delhi Traffic Police has rolled out a system that will send real-time challan alerts through WhatsApp, **reports Ishita Jairath.** Until now, information about most e-challans went to a vehicle owner through SMS. WA message is the solution to the backlog. Now, every time a vehicle is caught violating traffic rules, an e-challan with details will be delivered directly to the owner's WA account. **P 2**

PM: Success against Maoists cause of deep satisfaction

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New Delhi: "The success against Maoist terrorists, who committed unspeakable atrocities against Dalits, tribals and the youth, has been the cause of immense satisfaction in life," PM Modi said on Friday, emphasising that this was the first time that he was speaking on the success of operations against left-wing extremists.

"During the last 50-55 years, thousands of lives were lost due to Maoist terror. A large number of security personnel were killed. They would not allow construction of schools and hospitals, would not let doctors work. The situation was such that those who were supposed to provide security to others could not move without security. The writ of the govt did not run in the 'red corridor'. They ensured benefits of development did not reach Dalits and tribals," he said while speaking at NDTV World Summit.

▶Reds lay down arms, P 6

Internal strife within Reds: Bhupathi

Top Maoist Bhupathi, who surrendered Tuesday, has revealed that CPI(Maoist) is disintegrating due to internal strife, declining public support, and claimed secret collusion between a faction of the guerrillas and some Telangana politicians. Bhupathi said the outfit had strayed from its core principle of championing the cause of tribals and rural poor. **P 6**

We can't direct Prez not to act on guv-referred bills: SC to TN

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday spurned the Tamil Nadu govt's plea for a direction to the President not to take decision on two bills — one to establish Kalaignar University and the other amending the TN Physical Education and Sports University Act — which according to the state were "unconstitutionally" referred to her by the governor disregarding the advice of council of ministers, **reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.**

"We cannot pass an order preventing the President from taking a decision," said a bench of CJI B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran when senior advocate P Wilson pleaded that the governor had acted in violation of the constitutional mandate to act in aid and advice of the council of ministers.

▶CJI retirement, P 12

Pre-Diwali rally: Sensex surges 2k pts in 4 days

Ahead of Diwali, Sensex rallied to a 52-week high on Friday at above the 84,100-point mark in early trades but end-of-the-session profit taking pulled the index down a bit and it closed 485 points up at just below 84k mark. Since Tuesday, sensex has risen nearly 2,000 points. **OTHER BK, P11**

Satish Kale

The first Tejas-Mk1A produced at HAL's new production line in Nashik gets a ceremonial welcome after inauguration by defence minister Rajnath Singh Friday | **OTHER BOOK, P 8**

Two cousins killed in city's Shastri Park

A 25-year-old man, Umam, and his cousin, Nadeem, were shot in north-east Delhi's Shastri Park, allegedly over personal enmity and a monetary dispute, late Thursday. A 23-year-old, Ashraf, has been arrested. **OTHER BOOK, P 2**

Onus on accused if ED establishes case: Delhi HC

In what can boost ED's powers, Delhi HC Friday ruled that once the probe agency has prima facie established the predicate offence in a case and its nexus to proceeds of crime, the burden shifts to the accused to prove that the attached assets are untainted.

ED, accordingly, is justified in attaching the "value" of proceeds of crime under the PMLA, when the prerequisites of attachment have been satisfied, a division bench of Justices Anil Kshetarpal and Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar said. **P 9**

SC quashes conversion law proceedings against univ VC

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New Delhi: Raising questions on the state's "involvement and interference" in conversion procedures under the UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act and terming it conspicuous, Supreme Court Friday quashed criminal proceedings under the law against the vice-chancellor and other officials of Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture Technology and Science after finding infirmities in the probe.

▶'Person's autonomy', P 6

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Belgian court clears Choksi's extradition

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A Belgian court upheld on Friday the arrest of fugitive diamantaire Mehul Choksi by Belgian police on India's request and approved his extradition to face trial in a Rs 13,000 crore bank fraud case. Choksi was arrested in Antwerp in April this year.

Choksi, the uncle of another high-profile fugitive, Nirav Modi, who is in jail in UK, can appeal the order in a higher court in the next 15 days. However, officials in India expressed satisfaction over the development saying that Belgian court's order marked an important step towards his return to India.

Declared a flight risk, Choksi was denied bail and has been lodged in an Antwerp prison.

Earlier in Aug, at least two Belgian courts had rejected Choksi's bail plea after Indian agencies argued that the fugitive businessman was a habitual absconder and was likely to flee to another country if granted bail.

▶Arthur Road jail, P 12

11 yrs on, man who couldn't afford lawyer exits jail

Sanjay Kumar, a 60-year-old farmer from UP's Bulandshahr, spent 11 years in jail for a murder he didn't commit. And he was too poor to hire a lawyer. Justice finally came this week — an acquittal for lack of evidence. Kumar, accused in a 1993 murder case, was cleared of all charges by the court of additional district judge (ADJ) Mohammad Naseem on Wednesday. His case was taken up by Legal Aid Defence Counsel System (LADCS) in 2024 after he failed for years to secure private legal help. **P 6**

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Action against cyber criminals leads to 12 arrests across four states | B2 P2

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32.6° MAXIMUM | 18.4° MINIMUM

FORECAST Clear sky. Max & min temperatures on Saturday would be around 33°C and 19°C

MOONSET 4.06PM (SAT) **MOONRISE** 4.19AM (SUN)
SUNSET 5.49PM (SAT) **SUNRISE** 6.24AM (SUN)

254 AQI IN DELHI ON FRIDAY (POOR)

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No More 'Didn't Get The Message', Challan Alerts On WhatsApp Now

98% Of Fines Unpaid Till July, Move Expected To Ensure Greater Compliance

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New Delhi: If you didn't get an SMS about your traffic challan, you're not alone. This is among the most common reasons cited during Lok Adalat hearings, where people attempt to settle long-pending fines.

But this could change soon as Delhi Traffic Police has rolled out a system that will send real-time challan alerts through WhatsApp.

Until now, information about most e-challans went to a vehicle owner through SMS. The e-challans are also loaded on the Parivahan portal, linked to the mobile number registered on the Vahan database.

If motorists fail to check the messages or the portal, they come to know about the fines when they renew their documents.

The WhatsApp message is the solution to the backlog. Now, every time a vehicle is caught violating traffic rules, an e-challan with all key details — violation type, date, time, location and fine amount — will be delivered directly to the vehicle owner's WhatsApp account as an alert.

People can also verify and pay their fines through the Delhi Traffic Police website.

Special CP, traffic, Ajay Chaudhary said: "Our aim is to make the system more transparent and convenient for everyone. We also appeal to the people to update their mobile numbers on the RC to receive information about violations."

Officials believe that with improved communication, accountability among drivers will increase, leading to timely payments. **TOI**'s earlier report shows that almost 98% of challans issued for traffic violations this year till July-end are unpaid. Between Jan 1 and July 31, a total of 2,243,308 challans were issued. Only 55,075 were paid.

Rule 167A of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, establishes the framework for the electronic monitoring and enforcement of road safety. It outlines the use of electronic enforcement devices.

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These devices, such as speed cameras and ANPR systems, can be used to issue the challans based on evidence, such as images.

Sources said Rule 167A outlines the process of issuing the challans, including providing the notice of offence electronically (via SMS or email) or physically. It specifies the information that must accompany the auto-generated challan and the WhatsApp alert would keep to that.

According to the traffic data, improper or obstructive parking topped the list of violations and unpaid fines. While over 7.2 lakh challans were issued, just a little over 27,000 were paid. This offence was closely followed by the number of people driving without helmets on. Under this category, only 5,159 of 4.2 lakh challans were paid. For the offence of driving without a licence, barely 2,583 of the 3.2 lakh challans were paid.

Traffic officials expect the WhatsApp-based system to close the gap.

"Once messages start reaching owners directly on WhatsApp, the 'didn't receive it' excuse won't work anymore," said a senior officer. "We expect to see better awareness, and faster payments."

AQI continues to worsen, may hit very poor by Diwali

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi's air quality remained in the 'poor' category for the fourth consecutive day on Friday. The air quality index (AQI) was 254, up from 245 the previous day.

The Early Warning System predicts air quality will deteriorate to the upper end of the 'very poor' category by Oct 20-21 due to added emissions from firecrackers.

On Friday, five out of the 39 monitoring stations in the capital were in the 'very poor' category, with Anand Vihar being worst hit with an AQI of 379. At Sirifort, the AQI was 308, at Jahangirpuri 338, at Wazirpur 349, and at Bawana, it was 314.

On a scale of 0-500, an AQI from 0-50 is considered good, 51-100 satisfactory, 101-200 moderate, 201-300 poor, 301-400 very poor and 401-500 severe.

The Centre's Decision Support System shows stubble burning contributed 3.97% to Delhi's PM2.5 levels, up from 0.2% Wednesday. This may rise to 6.4% by Saturday as northwesterly winds bring smoke from Punjab and Haryana fields. The India Meteorological Department has said that smog is expected in the city from Sunday onwards.

Meanwhile, Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 18.4 degrees Celsius on Friday against 18.1 degrees a day earlier. The maximum temperature reached 32.6 degrees Celsius (seasonal normal), down from 32.9 degrees Celsius.

The maximum and minimum temperatures on Saturday are expected to hover around 32-34 degrees Celsius and 18-20 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Ground-level ozone in Oct highest since 2020

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New Delhi: Ground-level ozone has been the lead pollutant on 10 of the 17 days in Oct so far, according to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). While ozone dominates during summer, this month's hourly concentration exceeded 90 micrograms per cubic metre for 35 hours — the highest for Oct since 2020 when the figure stood at 64 hours.

Though the national hourly standard for ozone is 180 micrograms per cubic metre, experts said the number of hours showing elevated levels this year was significantly higher than in previous years. Between Oct 1 and 16, ozone levels crossed 90 micrograms per cubic metre for only four hours in 2024, none in 2023, one hour in 2022 and eight hours in 2021, shows hourly data analysed by think tank Envirocatalysts. Experts said vehicular pollution was the main precursor to volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Sunil Dahiya, founder and lead analyst at Envirocatalysts, said, "Transport, stubble burning and even firecrackers are precursors of VOCs, which undergo cyclic reactions under sunlight. The ozone levels are higher this Oct than in previous years mainly due to the emissions from transport during the ongoing festive period." He added that ozone was a very hazardous gas, resulting in aggravated health impacts even at short-term high exposures, leading to high asthma cases and other respiratory illnesses.

According to think tank Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), unlike primary pollutants, emitted directly from sources, ozone forms through intricate chemical reactions involving nitrogen oxides (NOx), VOCs and carbon monoxide — pollutants released by vehicles, power plants, factories and other combustion sources. In the presence of sunlight, they undergo a series of cyclic reactions, forming ozone near the ground. VOCs also have natural sources, such as vegetation, adding to the complexity, said CSE.

Dipankar Saha, former head of CPCB's air laboratory, said ozone was a secondary pollutant with high oxidative property. "It is only formed in the presence of sunlight and precursor pollutants like NOx and other VOCs. Oct is cloudless with clear skies. Higher ground-level ozone formation indicates the higher available precursor pollutants in the lower atmosphere. The only option left is to prevent and control precursor gaseous pollutants, particularly during the clear sky days," he said.

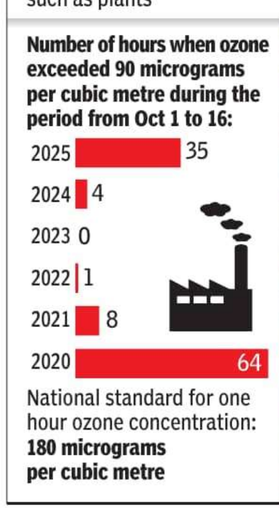
A CSE study in June found a higher number of days exceeding the standard for ozone as well as a wider geographical spread of high ozone levels in Delhi-NCR this summer.

IN THE OH! ZONE

- Ozone was the lead pollutant on 10 out of 17 days this Oct
- The levels were higher than previous years

What is ozone?
Ground-level ambient ozone is produced from complex interaction between nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that are emitted from vehicles, power plants, factories and other combustion sources and undergo cyclic reactions in the presence of sunlight to generate ground level ozone. VOCs can also be emitted from natural sources, such as plants

Number of hours when ozone exceeded 90 micrograms per cubic metre during the period from Oct 1 to 16:



National standard for one hour ozone concentration: **180 micrograms per cubic metre**

Motorists stretched to limit across city

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: As the countdown to Diwali and the long weekend begins, Delhi's roads are bursting at the seams. On Thursday evening, the city glowed not just with fairy lights but also with endless rows of brake lights stretching across major corridors.

Connaught Place, Mathura Road, ITO, GK, Lajpat Nagar and long stretches of the Ring Road near AIIMS and on the Outer Ring Road towards Gurgaon and Noida; all glowed red on Google Maps. Around 5.15 pm, travel time from central Delhi to Noida hovered around an hour and a half, while the drive to Gurgaon stretched beyond two hours. Even within the city, routes like Dhaula Kuan, Sardar Patel Marg, Rajouri Garden and Vikaspuri took close to an hour to navigate.

Vinay Gupta

Traffic jam on Gurgaon's MG Road had commuters fretting on Friday

For residents, the frustration was palpable. "I just had to cover 1.2 kilometres — from the Mathura Road right turn to ITO — but it was a nightmare," said Ishika, who was stuck at the signal for over half an hour. "Even with the cops on duty, the signal time was long. It took me 40 minutes to cover 1.2 km. Even ambulances were stuck."

A traffic cop on duty at the same spot said, "When the traffic at the signal ahead moves, then only, we can release traffic from here."

Mahesh, who was driving from India Habitat Centre towards Connaught Place, said wrong-side driving made the situation worse. "The biggest menace was people driving from the wrong side," he added.

Social media, too, was flooded with complaints. "Heavy traffic jam at Najafgarh–Nangloi Road, Baprola Village. Both ways packed, please do the needful," posted one user on X. One commuter fumed, "Delhi romanticisation over — stuck in Diwali traffic between Noida and Gurgaon. It's taking me four hours."

Residents said illegally parked cars, market spillovers and encroachments on narrow lanes had made navigation tougher in the festive rush.

Traffic police officials said the situation was being monitored closely. "Most cops are on the ground. The sheer volume is overwhelming. Commuters should use public transport instead of private vehicles."

Sale of certified green crackers starts today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: As the sale of certified green crackers bearing QR codes will start on Saturday, Delhi environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said on Friday that licences were issued to over 200 dealers.

According to the Supreme Court's order, only CSIR-NEERI or PESO-certified firecrackers are to be sold from Oct 18 to 20. "There are 140 firecracker dealers with permanent licences. Around 90 dealers applied with police for temporary licences to sell certified green crackers," said Sirsa.

After Diwali, firecracker retailers will get two days to return or safely dispose of unsold stock.

Delhi govt has constituted teams from different departments to ensure compliance with the apex court's order. "Govt will continue monitoring AQI levels from Oct 14 to 25 and submit daily reports to CPCB and the court," Sirsa said earlier.

Meanwhile, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) reviewed preparedness for the upcoming winter season. CAQM said there would be a strict ban on the entry of any commercial goods vehicle other than BS-VI, CNG, LNG and EV, into Delhi from Nov 1, except for such vehicles that are registered in Delhi. However, all BS-IV commercial goods vehicles are allowed to enter till Oct 31, 2026.

The commission directed all enforcement agencies to ensure effective monitoring at border entry points. It said the use of green firecrackers was allowed only between 6 am and 7 am and from 8 pm to 10 pm on the day before and on Diwali. "The use or sale of banned materials such as barium compounds or firecrackers joined in series (laris) remains strictly prohibited. District-level patrolling teams have been directed to ensure strict on-ground enforcement."

Many yet to receive licences

While Diwali is just two days away, several applicants are yet to receive their temporary licences to sell firecrackers from Delhi Police.

Till Friday, the North district police received 20 applications, of which only 10 were approved. In Dwarka, five applications were submitted but none was approved. The South district received 11 applications, of which only two were approved. In the South East district, four applications were received but none was approved. The West district received nine applications, but none was cleared yet. In the North East district, 23 applications were received, but just seven temporary licences were approved.

The East district received eight applications that were also being processed.

However, the Outer North district received five applications, all of which were approved. The Outer district received just one application, which was approved late on Thursday night. In Rohini, all the 12 applicants received their licences. In North West, all the six applications for temporary licences were approved.

In the Central district, police have issued one licence. The New Delhi district did not receive any application. In the South West district, five applications were received and all were approved.

A senior cop said that the pending applications were being reviewed and cleared based on merit. "The data is being updated continuously across districts."

FROM STREET KIDS TO GIG WORKERS, THE FESTIVAL IS LIGHTING UP LIVES — IN THEIR OWN WAY!

Deprived, but not of enthusiasm: A different Diwali

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New Delhi: From the malls of Saket to the markets of Karol Bagh, the city is in a festive overdrive — walls getting a facelift, fairy lights snaking up balconies and mithai boxes stacked in shops like sparkling gold bars. The air smells of *gulab jamun* and burnt crackers. Fine dresses come out, shopping bags multiply, traffic chokes the roads and every other Instagram story ends with #festivefeels.

Beyond the glittering storefronts and LED archways, another Diwali is flickering to life — quieter, handmade and just as full of sparkle.

In Zakhira, a working-class pocket tucked between industrial sheds in west Delhi, Kumkum's festive cleaning isn't about paint rollers or polish — it's about elbow grease. "We can't afford to whitewash our houses," she says, wringing a rag. "So we wash the walls till they shine and look like new again," she says.

Once scrubbing is done, it's time to bring in the light — in every sense. Many families pull out tangled strings of old bulbs, testing which ones still work. "My parents bring them from work; their employer gives old ones away," says a young girl. "We hang them around our door, and it feels like magic."

For some, the festive glow comes from creation, not consumption. Nandini and her friends melt down wax from broken candles to make fresh *diya*. Anil threads bright paper scraps into garlands.

A YOUNG GIRL SAYS

My parents bring old bulbs from work, we hang them around our door and it feels like magic

The houses in this area may be small, but the energy inside them crackles with excitement.

In west Delhi's Shakur Basti, celebration spills into colour and craft. The largely Muslim neighbourhood joins the festive rhythm in its own way. "We sketch lamps and sweets on posters and paste them on our walls," says 11-year-old Niyasa.

Their rangoli isn't bought from stores, it's made from *atta*, *haldi* and leaves gathered from the park. "We even make the *toran* from mango and ashoka leaves," she says proudly. "I collect them myself."

And then comes the part that ties it all together — the food. The smell of frying ghee seeps into every narrow lane. In a kitchen, Ratan's mother stirs a wok of *gulgule* puffing up like golden balloons with *choorma* cooling on the side. "We won't buy *mithai*," Ratan says. "Maa makes this for us. That is our *laddoo*."

Sanjay Gupta, director of Childhood Enhancement through Training and Action (Chetna), with whom the children are associated, says, "Such kids celebrate festivals like Diwali, Eid and Christmas with remarkable communal harmony. Despite limited resources, they find joy in the festivities, developing resilience that helps them navigate life's challenges. Their ability to come together and celebrate differences is a testament to the human spirit's capacity for hope, adaptability and connection."

The NGO is distributing gift hampers to 2,000 children this Diwali.

In Lajpat Nagar, Mahak shapes a tiny clay house for Lakshmi and Ganesh. "We decorate it with flowers and keep a diya on top," she says. Asif, her neighbour, borrows lamps from a nearby temple and lines them along the roadside. "The lights look the same, no matter where they come from," he says. Sanam, hands streaked with paint, adds finishing touches to her handmade *diya*. "They take forever to dry," she grins, "but look so nice."

FOOD DELIVERY RIDER

While others light diya at home, I light up someone's evening by delivering Diwali dinner on time

And yet, as the lights glow in homes and lanes, there's another side to Delhi's Diwali — one that runs on wheels and work shifts. While most people wind down with family, thousands of gig workers keep the celebrations moving, quite literally. They are the ones who deliver the dinners, gifts, and last-minute items that make rest of the city's Diwali complete.

Ramesh, a food delivery rider, says, "While others light *diya* at home, I light up someone's evening by delivering their Diwali dinner on time. That's how I look at it, so I don't feel I'm missing out." He adds that working extra hours during the festive rush helps him earn bonuses and save more for his family.

Tejasvi, an e-commerce delivery associate whose kin live in UP's Deoria, says, "I miss my family a lot during Diwali, but after my shift, I go home, light a few candles and cook something special just for myself. It's not the same, but it still feels like Diwali in my own little way."

Because in the end, whether it's a bungalow in GK, a one-room home in Zakhira, or a rider's parked scooter under a flyover, Diwali's glow isn't measured in watts or WhatsApp posts — it's in how far the warmth travels.

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6 held for holding 60-year-old woman captive with toy pistol, robbing her

New Delhi: Six people, including a woman, have been arrested for holding a 60-year-old woman captive using a toy pistol and robbing her at her home in central Delhi's Ranjit Nagar.

On Oct 5, the complainant, who lives alone, was having tea with two house helps when two men forcibly entered, locked them in the bathroom, and allegedly fled with Rs 5 lakh from her almirah. Police registered a case under Sections 309, 312, and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

CCTV footage revealed four suspects scouting the area a day before. Two were caught in Baljeet Nagar, one in Sagarpur, while a fourth remains at large. The woman accomplice, who was also the complainant's house help, was arrested. Two men who executed the robbery were nabbed from Bijnor, UP. TNN

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New Delhi: Delhi Police has raided two illegal manufacturing units in the city—a factory allegedly producing counterfeit toothpaste in northeast Delhi's Shastri Park and the other making adulterated milk cake and kalakand in Raghubir Nagar,

Counterfeit toothpaste, adulterated sweets seized

west Delhi. Acting on a tip-off, a team raided the Shastri Park factory and seized 18,300 tubes of fake toothpaste, along with 11,000 empty tubes and 150 kg of paste. Two men were arrested, said DCP (Crime) Sanjeev Kumar Yadav. On the same day, cops raided a factory in Raghubir Nagar and over 2,600 kg of adulterated sweets and a banned chemical were seized. TNN

Brawl in Vande Bharat pantry: Cops file case

New Delhi: Delhi Police filed a case after a video on X showed pantry staff fighting on the Khajuraho Vande Bharat Express at Nizamuddin station. The spat over a water bottle turned physical at Platform 7. Though initially settled, police booked both under Section 194(2) (Affray) of the BNS on Oct 12. TNN

DU panel to probe 'assault' on teacher

New Delhi: The University of Delhi has formed a six-member committee to investigate the alleged assault on a faculty member of BR Ambedkar College by Deepika Jha, joint secretary of the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU).

The incident, which happened on the college campus on Thursday, was captured on video and has sparked outrage in the university community.

The committee will be chaired by professor Neeta Sehgal of the department of zoology. Vice-chancellor Yogesh Singh said the panel has been directed to submit its report within two weeks. The other members are professor Jyoti Trehan Sharma, joint proctor (member secretary); professor Rama, principal of Hansraj College; professor Swati Diwakar from environmental studies; professor Darvinder Kumar, principal of PGDAV College; and Awadhesh Kumar, joint proctor. The panel has been asked to recommend action.

Jha allegedly slapped the teacher in the presence of police. The teacher earlier accused DUSU representatives of barging into the staff room and assaulting him. ABVP, which leads the DUSU panel, termed the incident "unfortunate" but claimed that the teacher had used abusive language . TNN

'3.6k avail benefits of late payment surcharge waiver'

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New Delhi: The late payment surcharge (LPSC) waiver scheme of Delhi govt, introduced to help consumers voluntarily settle their dues without having to bear the burden of heavy penalties, has received a strong initial public response.

Delhi Jal Board (DJB) collected Rs 6.5 crore in principal amount and waived Rs 9.2 crore in penalties, water minister Parvesh Verma said on Friday, adding 3,635 consumers availed themselves of the one-time scheme, which had been launched by CM Rekha Gupta on Tuesday.

"This overwhelming public participation shows the growing sense of responsibility among Delhiites. Transparent and people-centric governance builds public trust," Verma said.

Digital payments under the scheme, which is aimed at domestic consumers with long-pending arrears, have been steadily rising, reflecting the success of making billing and payment systems citizen-friendly, DJB officials said.

The govt aims to recover around Rs 5,000 crore in pending DJB dues, while waiving late payment surcharge totalling Rs 11,000 crore.

"Every rupee collected will flow back into improving Delhi's water infrastructure. The corpus will be earmarked for maintenance of water supply lines, augmenting treatment plants and ongoing replacement of old pipelines across the city," the minister said.

CM Gupta announced a complete waiver on such surcharges till Jan 31 next year, followed by a 70% waiver between Feb 1 and March 31.

Nearly 16 lakh out of 27 lakh consumers registered with DJB had been receiving inflated bills in the past few years, especially after the pandemic. Many stopped making payments, denting DJB's revenues.

The outstanding water bill across all three categor-ies — domestic, commercial and govt establishments — totals Rs 87,589 crore. Of this, the principal amounts to Rs 7,125 crore and LPSC is Rs 80,463 crore.

AIIMS faculty stages sit-in, seeks doctor's reinstatement

New Delhi: In a show of solidarity, AIIMS faculty members have launched a sit-in protest inside the Ramalingaswami board room, vowing not to leave until their demand to reinstate Dr AK Bisoi as head of the department of Cardio Thoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS) is met.

The unanimous decision was made during a meeting on Friday, with faculty members resolving "not to move out until the issue is resolved".

The protest stems from growing dissatisfaction over what faculty representatives call procedural lapses in Dr Bisoi's removal on Oct 11. He was relieved after a female nursing officer accused him of workplace intimidation, harassment and using "vulgar, unprofessional, and derogatory language". The AIIMS Nurses Union has also petitioned the AIIMS director and Prime Minister's Office for action.

The faculty association claims Dr Bisoi was not given a chance to defend himself before removal, calling it a violation of natural justice. It also questioned why the nurse's complaint — which was already forwarded to the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) — was shared with the Nurses' Union, saying this went "beyond the mandate" of due process.

The ongoing sit-in marks one of the rare occasions when multiple staff bodies at AIIMS have come together in support of a common cause, signalling escalating tensions between the institute's administration and its faculty. TNN

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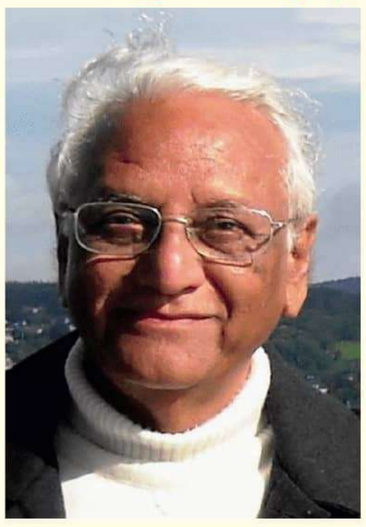

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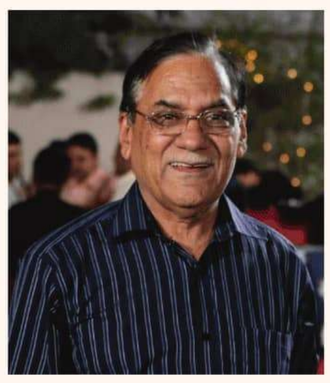

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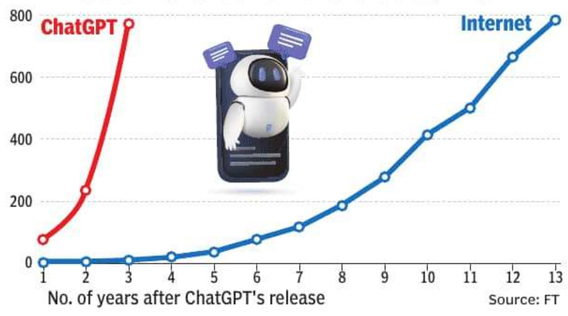

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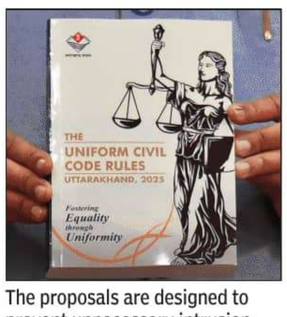

The proposals are designed to prevent unnecessary intrusion into citizens' personal lives, said a UCC drafting committee member

Dehradun: In a move that could ease anxieties around implementation of India's first Uniform Civil Code (UCC), Uttarakhand govt has told HC it plans to amend several provisions of the rules to make them "more practical, transparent and citizen-friendly". The proposed changes — detailed in a 78-page affidavit submitted before the division bench of Chief Justice G Narendar and Justice Subhash Upadhyay earlier this week — seek to "clarify procedures around live-in relationships, registration and appeals while strengthening privacy protections".

Under the proposed revision, data shared between registrars and local police will be restricted strictly to "record-keeping purposes", replacing an earlier clause that required dissemination of the information to other related departments, if required. Many couples had expressed anxieties over this clause, fearing their details could be leaked and end up in the public domain.

The key secrecy amendment specifies "it will be the responsibility of the registrar, officer-in-charge of the local police station and the SP to ensure privacy of the information contained therewith regarding live-in applicants".

One of the drafting committee members of UCC, Manu Gaur, told **TOI**, "After implementing the law, govt came to learn about some complications in the procedure, which are proposed to be amended." The amendments, Gaur said, are designed to "prevent misuse or unnecessary intrusion into citizens' personal lives".

In another significant revision, govt has proposed extending the window for citizens to appeal a registrar's decision to reject a live-in relationship statement from 30 to 45 days. Officials said this acknowledges "logistical realities faced by applicants, particularly in the hill districts where travel and paperwork can take longer". Govt has also introduced flexibility in identity verification, allowing alternative IDs for those who may not have Aadhaar cards.

Other key changes address ambiguities around when a live-in relationship can or cannot be registered, and doing away with "vague references to custom". By this, govt said it hoped to "reduce arbitrary decisions and ensure consistency across districts".

Notably, the affidavit says provisions requiring intimation to parents or guardians of persons under 21 years of age entering into a live-in relationship; requirements for disclosing previous marital or relationship status; and clauses seeking information about pregnancy or childbirth after the end of a live-in relationship are proposed to be removed.

Another provision govt wants to repeal mandates that the registrar be informed if the female partner is pregnant at the time of termination of a live-in relationship, and that details of any children born thereafter be updated within 30 days of birth registration.

Maoists lay down arms, vow to 'work for and with people'

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Bastar: Wanted Maoist commander Rupesh, alias Takkalapalli Vasudev Rao (Satish), pledged on Friday to "work for and with the people in a constitutional manner" as he led a group of 210 PLGA fighters with a combined bounty of Rs 9 crore on their heads in Chhattisgarh's largest surrender in its history of Left-wing extremism.

Representatives of Manjhi, Chalki and Aayta tribal communities welcomed the surrendering Maoists to the venue in Jagdalpur with red roses, while CM Vishnu Deo Sai termed the occasion "a historic day". The group, 111 of them women, deposited a cache of 153 weapons that included AK-47s, SLRs, INSAS rifles and BGL launchers.

"They are all our people who were misled and have now reposed trust in the Constitution and state's rehabilitation policy. Those who killed, and others who got killed, were all people of this soil. We decided that there must be an end to this," he said. Chhattisgarh govt said all surrendered Maoists would receive rehabilitation assistance, housing, and livelihood support.

Cong covered up Maoists' atrocities: PM

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PM Modi termed Maoist terror an injustice towards youth. "Many joined Maoists as they were misled, while others were forced to follow them. I know many mothers who lost their sons," he said.

The speech was marked by a sharp attack on those "who call themselves the defenders of the Constitution but were indulgent towards Maoists who would not accept the Constitution in their spheres of influence", as well as "Congress and its ecosystem, who along with urban naxals, used their control of institutions to ensure brutalities by Maoists did not become known". The PM added, "The day is not far when the country is totally free of Maoist terror. This is also Modi's guarantee." He said 'red zone' has shrunk to 11 districts from 125 over a decade back due to his govt's measures.

11 years on, man who couldn't afford lawyer acquitted of murder

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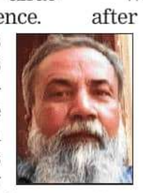
Meerut: For over three decades, **Sanjay Kumar**'s life was defined by a murder he didn't commit. Too poor to hire a lawyer, the farmer from UP's Bulandshahr spent 11 years in jail, awaiting justice that finally came this week — an acquittal for lack of evidence.



Kumar, 60, was cleared of all charges by the court of additional district judge Mohammad Naseem on Wednesday. His case was taken up by the Legal Aid Defence Counsel System (LADCS) in 2024 after he failed for years to secure private legal help.

The case dates back to 1993, when Shakeel Ahmad, a resident of Sankhni village in Jahangirabad, was beaten to death after being caught stealing sugarcane from a field adjoining Sanjay's. Sanjay was among five booked for murder. He was arrested in 2014 and remained in jail until his acquittal.

"The court found Sanjay was not even in the village when the crime occurred. Sufficient evidence proved his innocence," said Rajeev Kumar, chief counsel, LADCS, Bulandshahr.

When **TOI** spoke to him after his release, Sanjay's voice carried both relief and quiet devastation. "After spending 11 long years in jail for a crime I didn't commit, I am finally free," he said. "Those 11 years behind bars taught me the difference between guilt and survival. My real fear wasn't the prisoners around me — it was that my wife was waiting, my children were growing up, and the world was forgetting that an innocent man was still behind bars. Though I'm free today, the years I lost will never return," he added.

Individual's autonomy supreme in choice of faith and belief, says SC

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Without going into the validity of the UP law, which is pending in the apex court, a bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra touched upon the interplay of privacy, the right to freedom of free profession and practice of religion, and the role of govt authorities. It said an individual's autonomy is supreme in the choice of faith and belief that are intrinsic in matters such as marriage and in which the court has prohibited the state as well as the law from controlling the choice of choosing a partner or even limiting or regulating the ability to decide on such matters. "The constitutional validity of provisions of the Act does not fall for our consideration in the instant case. Nonetheless, we can't help but observe that the provisions of the Act pertaining to the pre- and post-conversion declaration seem to introduce a very onerous procedure to be followed by an individual seeking to adopt a faith other than the one he professes," the bench said.

The bench quashed the multiple FIRs filed in the case on various grounds, including that the UP law mandates that only an aggrieved person or their relative by blood, marriage or adoption can lodge an FIR with respect to acts of unlawful conversion and the case cannot be filed by a third party.

Questioning UP police's probe in the case, SC noted that perusal statements of witnesses made it clear that they did neither underwent unlawful religious conversion nor were they present at the place of the alleged mass conversion.

HC quashes ban on ONGC contract staff

Dehradun: Uttarakhand HC struck down Centre's Sept 1994 notification banning appointment of contract workers in ONGC, ruling it was issued without following Section 10 of Contract Labour Act, 1970, reports **Pankul Sharma**. The order lifts decades-old ban on hiring contract workers in ONGC.

The case began in 2013, when a labour enforcement officer filed a complaint against ONGC for employing contract workers despite the ban. ONGC challenged the notification, arguing Centre failed to consult the central advisory contract labour board as required under Section 10(2). Justice Pankaj Purohit held that inspection of only four units showed inadequate consideration, and lack of board consultation rendered the notification "illegal" & void.

Bhupathi: Faction of Reds plotting with T'gana netas

Nagpur: Surrendered Maoist top gun Bhupathi, alias Sonu or Abhay, has revealed fractures within CPI (Maoist) and a secret collusion between a faction of the guerrillas and some Telangana netas, reports **Soumitra Bose**.

The most senior politburo member has detailed how the once-formidable Maoist organisation is disintegrating due to internal strife and declining public support, adding CPI(Maoist) has strayed from its fundamental principle of championing the cause of tribals and rural poor. The revelations, in Bhupathi's statement to interrogators, project a movement on the brink of collapse. The report has been accessed by **TOI**.

He called Telangana State Committee "opportunistic Naxals", claiming they operate under the secret protection of a section of Telangana netas, enjoying access to state resources. He said these factions feared he would reveal their covert arrangements.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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KIND ATTENTION KASHMIRI MIGRANTS FROM 27-BUDGAM ASSEMBLY CONSTIUTENCY

1. The Bye-Election to the Legislative Assembly of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, 2025 from 27-Budgam Assembly Constituency has been announced by the Election Commission of India to be held in the Assembly Constituency as under: -

No. and Name of Assembly Constituency	Date of poll
27-BUDGAM	11.11.2025

2. Electoral rolls of 27-Budgam Assembly Constituency in the Kashmir valley have already been published on **05.05.2025** and the period of continuous updation started thereafter with respect to subsequent qualifying date for giving opportunity to new electors who have to enroll themselves as electors and also for the other electors to get their names/particulars corrected or deleted from the rolls. The electoral rolls have, as an additional measure, been now kept for inspection in the office of the following Assistant Electoral Registration Officers, (a) Assistant Commissioner, (Relief), Jammu. (b) Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Udhampur (c) Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Delhi and (d) Deputy Secretary in the office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi.
3. Kashmiri migrant voters from 27-Budgam AC who are residing at various relief camps in Delhi, Jammu, and Udhampur and who have opted to cast their votes in person through Electronic Voting Machines at the ongoing Bye-Election to the Legislative Assembly of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, 2025 from 27-Budgam Assembly Constituency can do so at any one of the following polling stations: -

Jammu

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2. Indian Institute of Management, Jammu Canal Road, Jammu
3. North Zonal Accountancy Training Institute, Muthi, Jammu
4. Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Janipur, Jammu
5. Migrant School Purkhoo, Jammu
6. Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Complex, Gole Puli Talab Tillo, Jammu
7. Govt. Mixed Higher Secondary School, Muthi (Lower Roop Nagar), Jammu
8. Migrant School, Nagrota, Jammu
9. Government Higher Secondary School, (Migrants) Jagti, Jammu
10. Anuradha Higher Secondary School Barnai, Jammu
11. Agriculture University Complex, Udhaiywala, Jammu
12. J&K Board of School Education, Rehari, Jammu
13. Govt. Middle School (Migrants), Jagti, Jammu
14. Kendriya Vidyalaya Ban Talab, Jammu
15. Sant Mela Singh College of Education, Near Digiana Ashram, Jammu
16. Sarvodya Public School, By Pass Santra Morh, Jammu
17. Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Miran Sahib, Jammu
18. Birla Open Minds International School, Channi Himmat Jammu
19. NSM College Anand Nagar, Bohri, Jammu

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2. O/o the Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.
3. Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Paprawat, New Delhi
4. Arwachin International School, F-Block, Dilshad Garden, Delhi.

4. For migrant electors of Jammu and Udhampur, there is no requirement of filling of Form-M. The electors staying in zones/camps have been mapped to their respective polling stations by the respective AERO (Migrant) at Jammu and Udhampur and Electoral Roll extracts corresponding to these zones are available with AERO (Migrant) Jammu and Udhampur as well as their respective zonal officers for verification by migrants. For migrants who are residing outside Jammu and Udhampur, they can now self-certify the certificate attached with the Form- M, instead of getting it attested by a Gazetted officer. Those voters who are required to fill Form-M i.e. those residing outside Jammu and Udhampur, who wish to exercise their franchise in person should intimate details of the electors in their families to the Assistant Returning Officers mentioned below in prescribed Form-M, which is available free of cost at the offices of these Assistant Returning Officers, so as to reach them at least ten days before the date of poll. Option once given shall be final.
   1. Assistant Commissioner, Relief (Migrant), Jammu.
   2. Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Udhampur.
   3. Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Delhi and
   4. Deputy Secretary, office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi
5. All migrant voters other than those who opted to vote in person have the option to vote through postal ballot papers. They may apply for the postal ballot paper in the prescribed Form 12C appended to the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 available in the offices of the Assistant returning Officers mentioned above.
6. They are advised to send the application forms (Form 12C) duly filled in, requesting for the Postal Ballot to the concerned Assistant Returning Officer at Jammu (mentioned in para 4 above) so as to reach him 10 days before the date of poll on 11.11.2025. To facilitate attestation of forms, sufficient number of gazetted officers will be available at these centres and will attest the same.
7. They can also drop their application forms, and later on, their marked postal ballot papers in the special letterboxes, which will also be available at offices of all the Assistant Returning Officers mentioned above.
8. In addition to the above instructions, the Migrant electors residing at various places other than Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi can also download Form-M and Form 12C from the ECI website and after filling such Forms can be got verified from the Electoral Registration Officer of the areas where he/she is residing. The Electoral Registration Officers can have access to the details of migrant electors enrolled in 27-Budgam Assembly Constituency in Kashmir through ERO-Net (ECINET). The ERO concerned, after verifying details in the Form-M will scan and upload to electronically transmit the same to AROs Migrants at Delhi, Jammu and Udhampur for further necessary action. Hard copy so uploaded, are to be sent to AROs Migrant Delhi, Jammu and Udhampur, as the case may be.
9. Similarly, the ERO concerned will verify the details in Form 12C and sign the certificate in Part-II of the Form and scan and upload it to electronically transmit the same to the ARO Migrant at Jammu who will take further necessary action to send Postal Ballot to the elector concerned. Hard copies so uploaded are to be sent to ARO Migrant at Jammu.
10. The Postal Ballot will be sent through Speed post to the elector concerned by the ARO Migrant, Jammu. The elector can send polled Postal Ballot through Speed post (free of cost) to the Returning Officer (RO) concerned of the Assembly constituency to which he belongs so that the same can reach the RO concerned in time. The cost of Speed Post will be paid by the R.O. concerned.

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1.1	Improvement Works at Industrial Area Brij, Bharatpur. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01019**	633.43
1.2	Improvement Works at Ind. Area Growth Center (Ext.) Dholpur. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01020**	207.25
1.3	Improvement Works at Industrial Area, Growth Center, Dholpur. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01098**	749.40
2.	**Unit Head, Ajmer**	
2.1	Upgradation of Infrastructure at Industrial Area Sarwar. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01022**	229.84
3.	**Unit Head, Rajsamand**	
3.1	Construction of Final Disposal RCC Drains and Approaches, Resurfacing of Main Roads and Providing & Laying of Interlocking Paver Tiles from NH-58 to Kankroli-Nathdwara Road at Industrial Area Rajnagar, Rajsamand. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01026**	330.70
4.	**Unit Head, Kota**	
4.1	Construction of Road & CD Works and Demarcation of Plots at I/A Peepalkheri, Baran. **UBN-RDC2526WSRC01035**	283.26
4.2	Survey & Construction of Low Height Boundary Wall at I/A Kachhaliya, Bundi. **UBN-RDC2526WSRC01036**	201.07
5.	**Unit Head, Jhalawar**	
5.1	Construction of Cement Concrete Road, Providing & Fixing of Interlocking Blocks and Improvement of Divider at Industrial Area Growth Center, Jhalawar. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01042**	210.66
6.	**Unit Head, Jhunjhunu**	
6.1	Re-Carpeting of Remaining Existing BT Road and Improvement of Road Shoulders by Laying Interlocking Tiles at I/A Chirawa. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01063**	248.08
7.	**Unit Head, Aburoad**	
7.1	Regular Upkeepment and Operation & Maintenance of Industrial Area and Housing Colony of Ambaji, Arbuda, Growth Centre Phase-I and Phase-II, Aburoad. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01071**	424.51
8.	**Unit Head, Balotra**	
8.1	Construction of Low Height Boundary Wall Around Outer Periphery of Allotted Land at Village Vedarlai, Pachpadra. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01096**	383.12
9.	**Unit Head, Bikaner**	
9.1	Upgradation of Roads and Drains at I/A SGC Karni and Loonkaransar. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01100**	342.64

Bidders/contractors may download and submit tender online. Detailed information of tenders and any kind of corrigendum/ date extension, if any in future, may be seen by bidders on websites riico.rajasthan.gov.in, www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in
For queries please contact: GM (Civil) Ph. 0141-4593243 **Raj.Samwad/C/25/12478**

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सा.नि.वि., संभाग द्वितीय उदयपुर मु. बाँसवाड़ा

क्रमांक : डी- 420 निविदा सूचना संख्या - 08 / 2025-26 दिनांक : 10.10.2025

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Repair, Maintenance and Upgradation of Airstrip in Pratapgarh (at Varmandal). कार्य हेतु इच्छुक संवेदकों से ऑनलाईन माध्यम से दिनांक **06.11.2025,** सायं **06:00** बजे तक निविदा आंमत्रित की जाती है। निविदा का अन्य विवरण वेबसाईट ("http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in और http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) पर देखा जा सकता है। उपापन की कुल अनुमानित लागत राशि रू. 516.29 लाख है।

UBN- PWD2526WLOB14517

DIPR/C/15328/2025

(बी.एल.भेणिया)
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PHED, CIRCLE BARMER

Tel.02982-220253, Email: edphed@gmail.com, secircle.barmer@rajasthan.gov.in
No. SE/PHE/Bmr/NIT05-07/2025-26/4335-51 Date:10/10/2025

NOTICE INVITING BIDS NIB No. 2025-26/05-07

Bids for Work of

05	Annual Rate Contract for construction and commissioning of Open Wells with P,L& J Of Pipe Line under Circle Barmer UBN : **PHE2526WSRC07487**	300.00 Lacs.
06	Annual Rate Contract for construction and commissioning of Hand Pumps By various Rig Machine under Circle Barmer. **PHE2526WSRC07488**	300.00 Lacs.
07	Annual Rate Contract for construction and commissioning of tube Wells By various Rig Machine under Circle Barmer UBN : **PHE2526WSRC07489**	300.00 Lacs.

are invited from interested bidders upto **3.11.2025 up to 6:00 PM.** Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and departmental website.

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

रजिस्ट्री सं.: डी.एल.-33004/99 **REGD. No.:** D.L.-33004/99

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
[North Central Railway (Gati Shakti Unit)]
NOTIFICATION
Prayagraj, the 6th October, 2025

S.O. 4542(E).- Whereas, by the notification of the Government of India, in the ministry of Railways (North Central Railway, Gati Shakti Unit), Notification Number, S.O. 3550(E), dated the 31st July, 2025 published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), Notification Number 3466, dated 01st August, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the said notification) and issued under sub-section (I) of section 20A of the Railways (Amendment) Act, 2008 (11th of 2008) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the Land specified in the schedule annexed to the said notification for the purpose of execution, maintenance, management and operation of Special Railway Project namely, "Ekdil-EKL- Provision of goods shed at Ekdil Station over PRYJ division, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh." in the District of Etawah in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

And whereas, the substance of the said notification was published in daily newspapers namely, "Amar Ujala & The Times Of India" dated 08 August 2025 under sub-section (4) of section 20A of the said Act;

And No objection was received.

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 20E of the said Act, the competent Authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the Competent Authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 20E of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the lands specified in the schedule annexed here to shall be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 20E of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the official Gazette, the land specified in the schedule annexed here to shall vest absolutely in the Central Government free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, for the Special Railway Project, namely "Ekdil-EKL- Provision of goods shed at Ekdil Station over PRYJ division, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh." under Etawah & Bharthana Tehsil of Etawah District in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Khatauni Khasra wise plot number	Area of plot	Land Use details	Proposed land area for acquisition	Name of present land owner as per Khatauni	Description
	Village- Shekhupur Jakhauli, Tehsil and District Etawah					
1	721	0.6150	Private Land	0.0480	Nandkishor and Becehlal S/o Jyoti Swaroop, Munni Devi W/o late Jyoti Swaroop resident village.	
3	725	0.1150	Private Land	0.1150	Amar Singh S/o Raghuvar resident village.	
4	726 क	0.1190	Private Land	0.1190	Dhruvlal S/o Sitaram resident village.	
	726 ख	0.0760	Private Land	0.0760	Chhotelal S/o Puran Lal resident village.	
5	727	0.0250	Marghat	0.0250	Cremation ground (Shamshan)	
6	728	1.9410	Private Land	0.5434	Shivavaran Singh S/o Shankar Lal resident Nagla Chamaran Bhaag Gram, Raghuveer Singh S/o Kanheesingh resident Nagla Moti Bhaag Ritaur Teh. Bharthana, Surendra Singh S/o Bachchanlal N. Gram, Akhilesh Kumar and Awadhesh Kumar S/o Raghuveer Singh Nagla Moti Mauja Ritaur.	1 Boring
7	729	2.4880	Private Land	0.1155	Rakesh Kumar S/o Satya Narayan resident village, Rajesh Singh Sikarwar S/o Roshan Singh resident Gali No. 4 Ashok Nagar City Etawah, Sudhir Kumar Chaudhary S/o Brijgopal Chaudhary resident Katra Saahakh Khan, Pramod Kumar Sharma S/o Jawaharlal Sharma resident Ashok Nagar Etawah.	
10	795	0.3850	Private Land	0.0235	Ashok Kumar S/o Maujilal resident Nagla Moti Village Ritaur Par. Bharthana.	
11	796	0.3940	Private Land	0.1114	Ashok Kumar S/o Maujilal resident Nagla Moti Village Ritaur Par. Bharthana.	1 Boring
12	797	0.3640	Private Land	0.1332	Amar Singh and Uday Singh and Udal Singh and Mukaddar singh and Shyambabu S/o Bachchan, Lakhan S/o Bachchan Lal resident Nagla Moti Village Ritaur Par. Bharthana.	
13	798	0.3480	Private Land	0.1140	Dinesh Chandra and Suresh Chandra and Hargobind S/o Ramsingh, Ramdulari W/o late Ramsingh resident Nagla Moti Village Ritaur on Par. Bharthana, Manoj Kumar S/o Suresh Chandra Village Nagla Moti Post Mughalpur Naraini Tehsil Bharthana District Etawah.	1 Room and Boring
16	801	0.1860	Private Land	0.1860	Nandkishor and Bechelal S/o Jyotiswaroop, Munni Devi W/o late Jyotiswaroop resident village.	
			Total Area	**1.6100**		

Sr. No.	Khatauni Khasra wise plot number	Area of plot	Land Use details	Proposed land area for acquisition	Name of present land owner as per Khatauni	Description
	Revenue Village Reetaur, Tehsil Bharthana, District Etawah					
2	12	0.7730	Private Land	0.2676	Jagdish Babu and Prakash Chandra S/o Ujiyare Lal resident Nay. Moti M. Village, Brijeshkumar and Anirudhakumar S/o Shivprakash, Sridevi W/o Shivprakash resident Village.	
4	14	0.8860	Private Land	0.3681	Prakash Chandra S/o Ujiyare Lal resident Nay. Moti M. Village, Brijeshkumar and Anirudha kumar S/o Shivprakash, Sridevi W/o Shivprakash resident Village, Maheshbabu and Vivekkumar S/o Jagdishbabu, Mrs. Indravati W/o Jagdishbabu resident N. Moti Ritaur.	
			Total Area	**0.6357**		
			Grand Total Area	**2.2457**		

[e-file No. File No. NCR-PRYJOENGG(LAND)/9/2023 dated 16.10.2023]
1905/25 (A) **ANMUL HAQUE, Chief Administrative Officer/C/RSP**

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TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS:TIRUPATI
MARKETING DEPARTMENT

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited for procurement and supply the items **(1)** 1,20,000 Kgs of Cashew Splits 'S' Grade **(2)** 40,000 pkts of Sabena clearing Powder packet each 450 grams **(3)** 1,56,000 Kgs of Diamond Sugar Candy, **(4)** 2,50,000 Kgs of Soji, **(5)** 540 Nos of Pattu Sarees, **(6)** 7,200 kgs Compounded Asafoetida (Bandhani Hing) Powder, **(7)** 40,000 Kgs of Fried Bengal Gram Dhall, **(8)** 3,20,000 Kgs of Jaggery to the Marketing Department, T.T.Devasthanams,. For Tender notice and tender details log on to the web site http:// www.tirumala.org and https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. **For further details contact phone numbers: 0877-2264079, 2264555, FAX No: 0877-2264554.**

TTD-40021/10/2025-PRO SEC (Adv. No. 258). Date : 17-10-2025 **Executive Officer**

J&K SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (SICOP)

(A J&K GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING)
ISO 27001 : 2013 ISO 9001 : 2015
2nd floor, Udyog Bhawan, Railhead Complex Jammu/Sanat Ghar, Bemina, Srinagar

A tender has been floated on the website www.gem.gov.in **vide Bid Ref No. GEM/2025/B/6754148 dated : 06.10.2025** for the "Takeover / Maintenance of Existing Single Window Portal/ Development of new features/ services in Single Window Online System in line with National Single Window portal/ DPIIT guidelines for Jammu & Kashmir". The last date for submission of bid through above mentioned portal is 27-10-2025.

Sd/
Project Manager (IT)
SICOP

DIP No:DIP/J-2307-P/25/16.10.2025

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATI RAJ

(Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India)
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION (2025 - 2026)

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Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

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Comp.no.: 15822 **Sd/- P&H, CPGS&DE, NIRDPR.**

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सार्वजनिक सूचना

ग्राम सालारपुर में अर्जित/क्रय भूमि खसरा संख्या 409 व 413 जो जी.एच. 02, 09 मीटर चौडी सडक के अन्तर्गत व 687 (अर्जित रकबा 0.5060 हे. के सापेक्ष) के सापेक्ष यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा 64.7 प्रतिशत अतिरिक्त प्रतिकर वितरण किया जाना प्रस्तावित है:-

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY — E-TENDER NOTICE

DRM / Electrical, North Western Railway, Jodhpur for & on behalf of the president of India, invites E-tender for the following work. **1.Complete details of tenders can be seen on Website No :-** http://www.ireps gov.in **2.Date & time of closing of e-tender** :- 07.11.2025 up to 15.00 hrs. **3.Date & time of opening of e-tender** :- After 15.00 hrs. on 07.11.2025 **Tender No.**:- 2R2/2025-26 **Name of work :** Electric work in connection with in (i) replacement of 12 unit type II & 2 unit Type III Quarters on condition basis at Barmer (ii) replacement of 12 unit type II Quarters on 2R2/ 2025-26 | condition basis at Balotra (ii) Improvement of water supply arrangement by providing RO Plants replacement of old Corroded pipe line & U/G water Tank at Jalore, Modran, and Raniwara **Approx. cost of work (Rs.)** : 6775761.00 **Tender No.**: 33R1/2025-26 **Name of work :** Electrical work in c/w Provision of Facilities on Existing TMC sidings - 11nos **Approx. cost of work (Rs.)** : 5618442.67 **Tender No.**: 27R1/2025-26 **Name of work :** Electrical work in c/w Provision of Facilities on Existing TMC sidings -11nos **Approx. cost of work (Rs.)** : 2891595.12 **Tender No.**: 39/2025-26 **Name of work :** (i) Electrical work in connection with provision of new high level platform 4/5 at Barmer Station with 04 bay platform shelter, water booths, benches, extension of existing foot over bridge from PF-2/3 to the new PF-4/5 (ii) Electrical work in connection with provision of raising of PF-2 from medium level to high level with 03 seater benches water booths at Marwar Kori, Malwara and Kavas (03) stations) in the section of Sr.DEN/West **Approx. cost of work (Rs.)** : 10550722.68 **Tender No.**: GSUELECTG-09/2025-26 **Name of work :** Electrical work in connection with (a) Construction of 01 no. pit line with associated facilities at Barmer. (b) Essential infrastructure facilities for SPART, BME and allied facilities at Barmer **Approx. cost of work (Rs.)** : 7924394.05 For detailed information visit http://www.ireps.gov.in

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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

DRM(W)'s Office, Bhopal ▪ Open E-Tender Notice ▪ Date: 15.10.2025

Sr. DEN/CO/WCR, Bhopal, acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders against following works, upto 15.30 hours on the dates mentioned against each tender. The complete tender documents and detailed information regarding tender is available on the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in**. NIT can also be seen on the notice board of DRM(W)/WCR/Bhopal Office. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders. For any correction in these tenders, if necessary, corrigendum will be uploaded on website prior to tender opening date and copy of corrigendum will be placed on Notice Board of this office, which may be seen upto the date of tender opening. Tenderers are requested to offer their rates and submit tenders according to the provisions of GST ACT 2017. **NIT No.:** 25-26-W-19-89, Date 10.10.2025. **Name of work including Location: Miscellaneous Civil works for Improvement of Shajapur, Sarangpur, Parhanamau, Pachor Road, Biyavara Rajgarh, Sinduriya Kachari, Chachauora Binaganj, Vijaypur yards and other ancillary works in Ruthiyai-Maksi section. Published cost of tender:** ₹ 4,19,73,037/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 3,59,900/-. **Completion Period:** 12 Months. **Last date for submitting tender:** 03.11.2025. **NIT No.:** 25-26-W-20-90, Date 10.10.2025. **Name of work including Location: Miscellaneous Civil works for improvement of Miyana, Badarwas, Kolaras, Shivpuri, Padarkheda, Mohana, Ghatigaon and Panihar yards and other ancillary works in Guna-Gwalior section. Published cost of tender:** ₹ 3,19,14,767.84. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 3,09,600/-. **Completion Period:** 12 Months. **Last date for submitting tender:** 03.11.2025. **NIT No.:** 25-26-C-24-91, Date 10.10.2025. **Name of work including Location: Provision of Rubberized surfacing at LC No. 233 in Itarsi-Bhopal section and Construction of Gate lodge at LC No. 114 in Bhopal-Sant Hirdaram Nagar section under ADEN/M/Bhopal section. Published cost of tender:** ₹ 38,95,248.34. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 77,900/-. **Completion Period:** 06 Months. **Last date for submitting tender:** 03.11.2025. **NIT No.:** 25-26-C-25-92, Date 10.10.2025. **Name of work including Location: Improvement of Road surface and Gate lodges at Level Crossing No. 259, 262, 265, 266, 269, 273, 279, 284 & 291 under ADEN/M/Vidisha section. Published cost of tender:** ₹ 51,54,008.90. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 1,03,100/-. **Completion Period:** 08 Months. **Last date for submitting tender:** 03.11.2025. **NIT No.:** 25-26-C-26-93, Date 10.10.2025. **Name of work including Location: Gulabganj - Construction of TSS Gulabganj in replacement of existing old TSS Building with Electrical work under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Vidisha. Published cost of tender:** ₹ 50,81,777.29. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 1,01,600/-. **Completion Period:** 08 Months. **Last date for submitting tender:** 06.11.2025. **NIT No.:** 25-26-S-20-94, Date 11.10.2025. **Name of work including Location: Balance work of widening and raising of Road with Improvement of side drains from old Itarsi to IOC and repairs to damaged roads in various locations under Passenger Yard, Itarsi. Published cost of tender:** ₹ 1,89,06,842.14. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,44,500/-. **Completion Period:** 12 Months. **Last date for submitting tender:** 04.11.2025. **NIT No.:** 25-26-S-21-95, Date 11.10.2025. **Name of work including Location: Upgradation and maintenance of track structure in Pit Line at Diesel Loco Shed, Electric Loco Shed and Itarsi Passenger Yard ADEN Itarsi. Published cost of tender:** ₹ 1,12,28,374.49. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,06,200/-. **Completion Period:** 12 Months. **Last date for submitting tender:** 04.11.2025.

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान - एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 24/2025 dated 13.10.2025

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of President of India, Divisional Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj invites the E-procurement tenders:

Tender No. : 19257668	**Qty. :** 13000 Nos.	**EMD (Rs.) :** 7,74,980/-
Description : Elastomeric Pads Design-B	**Tender Opening Date. :** 06.11.2025	

Note: (1) The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender is available on IREPS website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in. (2)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against Above Tender, for this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Class III Digital Signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **(3)** Rates entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. **(4)** Documents being attached should be signed on their body. • The above tender notice has been uploaded on **http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in".** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the IREPS website may be approached. **1919/25(AS)**

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(REGD. OFFICE PSEB HEAD OFFICE, THE MALL, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identification Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in
(O/O Superintending Engineer / TL Circle Jalandhar)
Address : Office Room No. 310-311, 2nd Floor, Shakti Sadan, G.T. Road, Jalandhar, Contact No 96461-07248)

Tender Inquiry No. 14/TL Circle Jal/2025-26 **Dated :** 16.10.2025

Dy. Chief Engineer/TL Circle, Punjab State Power Corporation limited, Room No. 310, 2nd Floor, Shakti Sadan, Jalandhar, invites one No. E-Tender of :

Erection of 66KV O/H Line for 66 KV S/S PAU & 66KV S/S Sarabha Nagar.

For detailed NIT & Tender specifications please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 17.10.25 from 5.00 PM onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

C747/25, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2025-26/4318

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala -147001.
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Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-18774)

Tender Enquiry No. MQP-261/2025-26/PR | Dated: 17.10.2025

CE/Metering, PSPCL, C-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for procurement of 5500 no. cubicle (SMC Box) for housing LT AC three phase four wire, CT operated energy meter and 3 no. epoxy resin cast ring type CTs. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 17.10.2025 (11:00 AM onwards).

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

C748/25, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2025-26/4323

e-Auction Notice for Leasing of SLR/LVPH

e-Auction Notice No.: LEASE-KGP-25-20 Dated: 15.10.2025

For & on behalf of the President of India, the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur Division, South Eastern Railway invites e-Auction for leasing of SLR/LVPHs for a period of 03 (three) years for transportation of parcels in the trains which are notified in the **https://www.ireps.gov.in/** website. **Category:** Parcel. **Catalogue No.:** LEASE-KGP-25-20. **Date of e-Auction:** 31.10.2025. **Auction Start Time:** 10.00 hrs. **Auction Closing Time:** 17.30 hrs. Interested parties and contractors to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for details of the trains and related information about the E-Auction notice. For enquiries/clarifications if any, please contact the office of the undersigned.

(PR-728) **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur**

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1.	**Date of uploading of Bid Document**	**18/10/2025**
2.	**Date of Pre - Bid Meeting**	**24/10/2025**
3.	**Last date and time for submission of e-bids**	**29/10/2025 up to 5:00 pm**
4.	**Date and time of opening of technical e-bids**	**30/10/2025 up to 11:30 am**

For details log on www.eproc.punjab.gov.in or www.peda.gov.in.

Note : Any Corrigendum(s) to this tender will be published on above websites only.

DPR/Pb.:1034/12/2025-26/4324 **Additional Director**

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Ravindra Jadeja's wife is Guj minister

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Of the 26 ministers, 19 are new, including 12 first-time MLAs. Six ministers have been retained, while 10 were dropped. Among the new entrants is Rivaba Jadeja, wife of cricketer Ravindra Jadeja.

The reshuffle reflects a careful caste and regional balancing act. Saurashtra's representation has grown from five to nine ministers, with the induction of cabinet-rank leaders Arjun Modhwadia, Jitendra Vaghani, and Pradyuman Vaja.

The number of ministers from central Gujarat has risen from 4 to 7, north Gujarat from 3 to 4, and south Gujarat from 5 to 6 — the region gaining a further edge with the deputy CM post going to a Surat leader. The reshuffle has also strengthened the Patidar presence, with the community's count rising from 4 to 7.The cabinet now features four Leuva and three Kadva Patidars.

Given the upcoming local body elections with 27% OBC reservation, the number of OBC and Koli ministers has increased from 7 to 8.

Tribal representation has doubled from 2 to 4. SC ministers have increased from one to three.

Onus on accused to prove assets seized by ED are untainted: HC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In what can boost the Enforcement Directorate's powers, the Delhi high court Friday ruled that once the probe agency has prima facie established the predicate offence in a case and its nexus to proceeds of crime, the burden shifts to the accused to prove that the attached assets are untainted.

ED, accordingly, is justified in attaching the "value" of proceeds of crime under the PMLA, when the prerequisites of attachment have been satisfied, a division bench of Justices Anil Kshetarpal and Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar said.

The bench gave its ruling as it overturned a single-judge bench order to validate ED's attachment of properties worth Rs 227 crore of Prakash Industries Ltd in a coal block it had acquired during allocations, which were later quashed by Supreme Court as part of its action against the "coal scam" under UPA govt.

COAL SCAM

It also held that the allocation of coal blocks obtained through misrepresentation or fraud, leading to generation of proceeds of crime, amounts to an offence under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). All assets derived from such allocations qualify as proceeds of crime, the bench noted.

The bench rejected the single-judge bench order which had observed that "money laundering is a standalone offence only in a sense that it has to be tried separately, and not that it can survive independently even if the charges in respect of the predicate offence have been quashed or if the accused has been discharged by a competent court with a finding that no offence is made out". It ordered that in the present case, ED's evaluation of Rs 951.7 crore corresponding to the coal excavated during 2006-07 to 2014-2015, reflects the financial gain derived by Prakash Industries pursuant to attaining the coal block allocation through misrepresentation.

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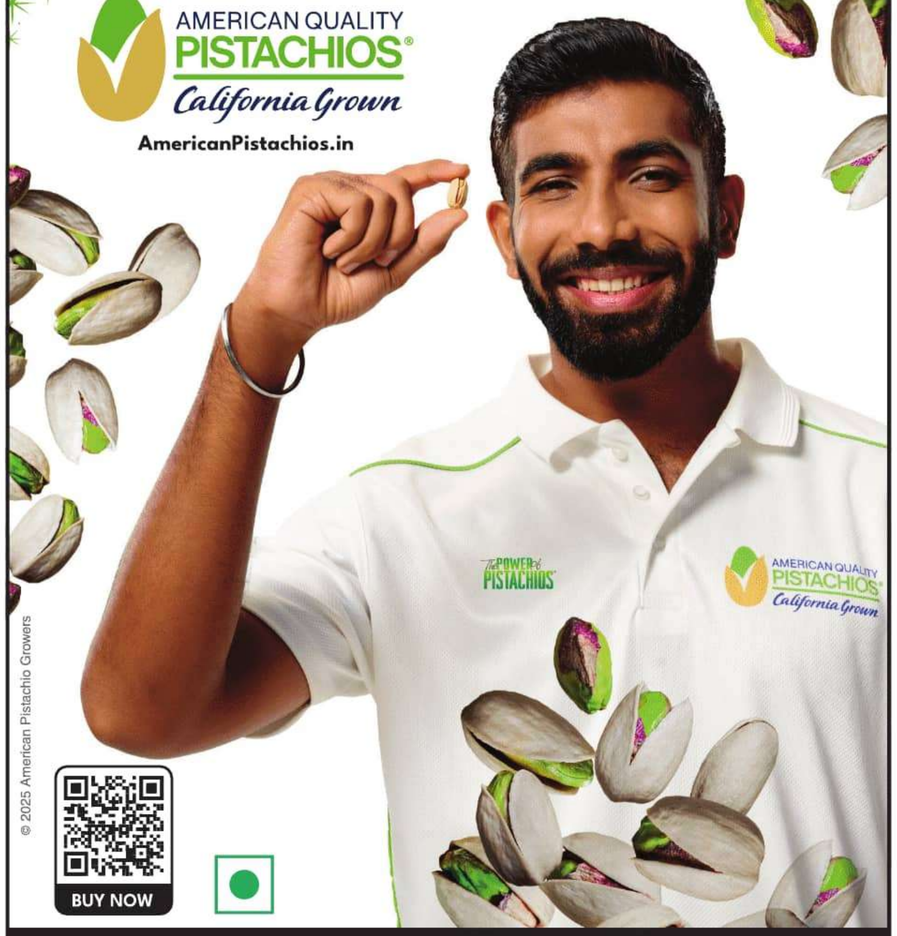

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Unaudited Standalone & Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September 30, 2025

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Sl no	Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated					
		Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended		Year Ended	Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended		Year Ended
		30.09.2025	30.06.2025	30.09.2024	30.09.2025	30.09.2024	31.03.2025	30.09.2025	30.06.2025	30.09.2024	30.09.2025	30.09.2024	31.03.2025
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	1,024,973	1,037,412	984,932	2,062,385	1,934,924	3,952,044	1,028,371	1,041,011	988,428	2,069,382	1,941,765	3,966,795
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	147,148	178,287	156,687	325,435	236,913	493,427	149,140	181,446	158,090	330,586	244,845	509,448
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	147,148	178,287	156,687	325,435	236,913	493,427	149,140	189,931	158,090	339,071	244,845	509,448
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	121,288	116,869	91,284	238,157	179,278	378,526	123,179	128,198	92,383	251,377	186,625	393,421
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the Period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the Period (after Tax) and other comprehensive Income (after Tax)]	REFER NOTE 3						REFER NOTE 3					
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value of ₹ 10/- per share)	905,140	905,140	868,094	905,140	868,094	905,140	905,140	905,140	868,094	905,140	868,094	905,140
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves)	-	-	-	-	-	2,353,305	-	-	-	-	-	2,390,844
8	Securities Premium Account	859,617	859,617	746,663	859,617	746,663	859,617	859,617	859,617	746,663	859,617	746,663	859,617
9	Net Worth	3,412,602	3,354,562	2,919,016	3,412,602	2,919,016	3,257,454	3,455,898	3,396,082	2,948,119	3,455,898	2,948,119	3,294,104
10	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt(%)	12.39%	21.92%	18.99%	12.39%	18.99%	9.26%	12.10%	21.09%	18.73%	12.10%	18.73%	9.17%
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio	0.15	0.15	0.21	0.15	0.21	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.21	0.15	0.21	0.16
13	Earning Per Share (for ₹10/- each) (Not Annuaiized) For Continuing and Discontinued operations) 1. Basic	1.34	1.29	1.05	2.63	2.07	4.36	1.36	1.42	1.06	2.78	2.15	4.53
	2. Diluted	1.34	1.29	1.05	2.63	2.07	4.36	1.36	1.42	1.06	2.78	2.15	4.53
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Debenture Redemtion Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	NOT APPLICABLE						NOT APPLICABLE					
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio												

Note 1: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange(s) under Regulation 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity. [**www.bseindia.com**, **www.nseindia.com** and **www.centralbank.bank.in**].

Note 2: For the other line items applicable to Bank referred in Regulation 52(4) of the listing regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to Stock exchanges (BSE Ltd and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd) and can be accessed on the URL [**www.bseindia.com**, **www.nseindia.com**].

Information relating to Total Comprehensive Income and Other Comprehensive Income is not furnished as IndAS is not yet made applicable to the Bank.

Note 4: Figures of the previous periods have been regrouped/reclassified wherever considered necessary to conform to current period classification.

Place: Mumbai
Date : 17.10.2025

Mahendra Dohare
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The ID card was launched with fantastic claims about supposed benefits. In truth, it represented the worst of govt

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Be Kind, EC

Young Biharis who were in state care pose a question

How do those who grew up parentless and in care homes produce documents of their parents? As **TOI** reported, such young adults in Bihar have requested EC to waive this requirement. The bigger point is that such a predicament shouldn't have been there in the first place. Parentless wards are nothing new across India – orphans and abandoned youngsters brought up in state care are a vulnerable group. That this has become a hindrance for some young Biharis wanting to vote says something about how rules for SIR were crafted. No authority can or should ignore social realities.

EC's rule for parents' origin to prove eligibility as a voter arguably sits uneasily with its mission of inclusion – 'no eligible voter left behind'. Repeated instances when the challenge of meeting such a demand has been raised, EC has countered all such grievances by questioning intent. But not only is much of India document-scarce, it has a large barely literate population, and a big cohort of the unlettered. There are many vulnerable groups for whom documentation is intimidating, near inaccessible, or even alien as an idea. But thanks to EC's decades of hard work, these multiple smaller groups are proud of their right to vote – it brings them dignity, a sense of belonging. It is these vulnerable groups most hit by the need to show parental proof.

As those without parents grow under state care, the transition to adulthood involves an 'aftercare' system till age 21 or 23, as the need may arise. Per a collective of care-leavers alliances, about 50,000 young adults transit out of shelters every year. For them, getting address proofs and identity documents is a struggle. EC should forthwith exempt them from the parents' papers rule. And, going forward, review this rule.

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The rich collectively bargain 'cos pickings are rich

Stodgy textbooks tell you that collective bargaining began with the industrial revolution and workers seeking to protect themselves against exploitation. You have updated the concept as more jobs now come from outside factories, mills and mines. But it's still associated with the grim fight for minimum pay, accident insurance, transparency in algorithms…So you might be shook that JITO, an Ahmedabad-based group of Jain industrialists, businessmen and professionals, has used collective bargaining to get themselves Audis, BMWs, Mercs…They jiffed top luxury brands into giving them a ₹21cr discount.

Actually, the Richie Rich are not new to this romp at all. Different Indian mercantile communities historically grew by negotiating with the colonialists as a coordinated bloc. In the West, families like the Rothschilds and Agnellis grew into their extraordinary wealth and power through mobilising oversized leverage. Family-controlled conglomerates from Japan's Mitsubishi and Mitsui to South Korea's Samsung and LG have done the same to get favourable industrial policies and trade protections. BTW, what do you think oil barons of Opec do? The Silicon Valley bros may compete aggressively with each other but they also often act collectively, as when lobbying against proposed antitrust or privacy laws. So, if in your head, it's workers, wage earners, gig hands alone who are acting as a class, maybe have a rethink.

If we book a bunch of hotel rooms for a family function, we demand a discount. If the real moneybags buy some prime real estate in London or Mumbai, they do the same. Same difference. The Rolex, Hermès and Ferraris also line up to do the tiptop for them. Jets, yachts, vineyards, yes, they negotiate great prices for all these. Because they can. Not everyone tattles like JITO though. Most golden bargains stay behind gilded curtains.

Dr AI's Ready For You

The tech's near-ready. But there's fear of fatal errors

India has a massive shortage of doctors – only 7.2 per 10,000 people, as against 7.6 in Myanmar – a country racked by civil war. Even Pakistan has 11.6, and Cuba – under US embargo since 1960 – has 95.4. Finding a doctor in rural India is much harder as the average plummets to 3 per 10,000, the same as Afghanistan. How many decades will it take to boost India's doctor strength to, say, Brazil's 23.6?

If the answer is 10 years or more, the question arises, will we need that many doctors then? That's because AI is already showing promise as a doctor's assistant, and in 10 more years it could well be "the doctor". Not a neurosurgeon, but your friendly neighbourhood go-to physician. ***Robert Wachter***, chair of University of California's Department of Medicine, discusses this possibility in detail in his book ***A Giant Leap***.

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SHORT TAKES ON BIG IDEAS

Wachter says this is not the first time AI has been pitched as a substitute for human doctors. Attempts were made in the 1970s too, but the technology then was so underwhelming, and the goals so ambitious – they tried to use it for diagnosis – that failure was inevitable. Then, in the last decade, when IBM's Watson supercomputer beat humans at a game of 'Jeopardy', healthcare seemed like an achievable goal. IBM invested billions, only to dump the project after its bot "prescribed a cancer patient with bleeding be given a cancer medication that can cause severe haemorrhage".

Yet, three years after ChatGPT's launch, Wachter and many other medical experts are less sceptical. Wachter reminds you that while AI today is already impressive, "it is the worst you will ever see." Which means things will only get better from here. Sensing an opportunity, hundreds of startups have entered the field, and some, like Hippocratic AI, started by Indian-origin Munjal Shah, already seem to have a business plan.

Because AI excels at learning from patterns, give it millions of patient files to learn from, and it will correlate symptoms to likely causes: "One study found it could pass a key medical student licensing exam," says Wachter. On another difficult test, it "performed at a level equal to the best faculty diagnosticians". So, AI can "think" like a doctor, but can it show empathy like a human? Wachter points to a 2023 study in which AI's responses were judged to be more empathetic than those given by actual physicians.

So, why hasn't AI disrupted medicine already? The motivation to do so is very strong when America is spending 20% of its GDP on healthcare, leaving relatively little for infra, and India is struggling with rising healthcare costs and doctor shortages. Wachter says it's because of problems like bias and hallucinations that AI is susceptible to. One wrong diagnosis could mean curtains for a startup. That's why, for now, AI is being used for simpler but time-consuming tasks like patient record summarisation.

The holy grail, of course, is diagnosis, but that won't happen until companies are 100% confident about their bots' capabilities. For the foreseeable future, AI will only be used to reduce doctors' bureaucratic burden – documentation, etc – so that they have more time for patients. As for replacing doctors, it won't happen anytime soon, although roles like radiologist and pathologist could start disappearing in 10 years.

What The Tellis Case Tells Us

One, his arrest is part of a growing American scrutiny of Chinese influence peddling in Washington. Two, he's served in US govt, and therefore should have been aware of document handling rules. Three, a strong FBI indictment doesn't guarantee conviction, even for espionage charges

Amit Gupta

The arrest of Ashley Tellis for allegedly passing secrets to the Chinese has been met with glee by some in India. On LinkedIn one Indian academic was petty enough to describe Tellis as a windbag who got his just rewards. The anger against Tellis stems from a recent article in *Foreign Affairs* where he is critical of Indian foreign policy. While I have often disagreed with his writings, I have respected his scholarship and opinions. So what should Indians understand about this case?

First, when Tellis came to India in the early 2000s as a special assistant to Ambassador Robert Blackwill the then BJP govt gave him access to policymakers so he could write a book on India's nuclear weapons programme. What emerged was a volume that was favourable to India's nuclear aspirations.

Given the sensitivity of contacts with Chinese officials, the question arises did Tellis inform his employers in the US department of war about this. It is also not clear under what circumstances 'Top Secret' documents obtained by FBI in his house were acquired by him. These are questions courts will examine. His detention is part of years-long investigation of many individuals that has seen 162 arrests

After returning to Washington, Tellis was appointed the Tata Chair for Strategic Studies at the Carnegie Endowment and in recent times his interests had shifted from South Asian studies to examining the US-China relationship. Contrary to what has been written in the press, Tellis was very anti-Chinese because the prevailing winds in Washington were negative towards China. As part of his anti-China writings, he had begun to be critical of Indian foreign policy. He felt India's approach should have been aligned more closely to American interests. Several academics disagreed with his analysis but no one accused him of ulterior motives. So what then is the case about?

Since the first Trump administration, as well as during the Biden term, there have been concerns in American governmental circles about Chinese attempts to penetrate the bureaucracy and decision-making process. This led in part to cases being filed against people of Chinese origin under the China Initiative created by the Trump administration in 2018. The statistics on successful conviction were not high because of the 162 indictments made, only 45 were convicted at trial or by entering a guilty plea deal. One classic case is that of Taiwanese-American Wen Ho Lee who was charged with 59 counts of espionage and eventually pleaded guilty to the mishandling of official documents. He did not serve any jail time.

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The fact is that in the American legal system a very high bar is set for a successful conviction and the burden of proof lies with the prosecution. Judges, therefore, do not hesitate to throw out cases that do not meet judicial litmus test, even in cases of espionage. Thus, while an indictment may paint a dire picture, the actual evidence presented in court has to substantiate the charges.

In the Tellis case, he has been charged with taking official papers home and having dinner with Chinese officials at a restaurant in the Washington area. The latter is, arguably, not a conclusive piece of evidence.

Given, however, the sensitivity of contacts with Chinese officials, the question arises did he inform his employers in the US department of war about this. It is also not clear under what circumstances 'Top Secret' documents obtained by FBI in his house were acquired by him. Having worked both in Washington and New Delhi for the federal govt he was no doubt aware of security protocols that were to be followed. These are questions that courts will examine.

His employer, the Carnegie Endowment, has put him on leave pending the conclusion of the investigation. That is the correct thing to do. It may turn out that like Wen Ho Lee he is found guilty of a minor offence and walks away with probation. But either way this will be a major blow to his career and reputation – even if courts vindicate him, he will still be met with suspicion in policy and academic circles.

In conclusion, some analysts in New Delhi are exuberant at the possible downfall of Tellis because they see him as being anti-Indian. This is a simplistic understanding of what is going on in Washington. Tellis's analysis was part of a growing scepticism in American circles about the utility of India as a partner in the anti-China grouping that US was seeking to build in the Indo-Pacific.

This scepticism was compounded by the stalled trade deal and the competing claims of who was responsible for the India-Pakistan ceasefire in May 2025. Rather than prematurely celebrating the legal troubles of a critic, Indian analysts should be focusing on concrete steps to rebuild the relationship to the mutual advantage and satisfaction of both countries.

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'My Relationship With A Swimsuit...It's Complicated'

There's sexism and bad body image and many can't swim. There're ladies getting into pools in salwar kameez. Forget all that. What women got to do is have fun, be real and live for their own gaze

Radhika Vaz

With holiday season upon us many are taking off for the sun, the sea, the sand and the swimsuit horror of places like Goa. I personally have some holiday plans that involve a beach though until a few years ago I loathed packing for any trip that involved a swimsuit. And by the way who even named it 'suit' – it's not a suit. It's a terror inducing bit of cloth designed to discomfort me.

Maybe all this paranoia is because I am 52, female and Indian and for my demographic, body shame is practically mandatory. By that I do not mean just the feeling of inadequacy about the shape of things but also the moral burden of 'showing' myself in front of the mens. My generation could wear shorts that show leg, halter tops that show shoulder, and saris that show midriff – but nothing that would show all three at once. A swimsuit would be a step too far.

Bad body image and sexism did a number on me but I thought swimsuits were stupid for another reason: I didn't swim. Why on earth would anyone not engaged in the act of swimming need to be wearing a swimsuit? I feel the same about yoga pants for anything other than the practice of yoga, cowboy boots not used in actual cow herding, that annoying cycling shorts rage from the late 1980s that made a massive comeback thanks to the Kardashians and not thanks to cycles. If I didn't swim, why would I need a swimsuit.

And while I think my logic is flawless, I do love a pool-party so I knew I had to kill this deeply ingrained self-consciousness in me. I needed to get over myself and into a swimsuit. But how! There was so much baggage in the way. Let me explain.

I stand strong in accepting my body. It is not perfect and I do not care if other people agree wholeheartedly with me. But what I never want is for them to think that I might be entertaining the idea that my body is flawless. That by wearing a swimsuit I am transmitting that I think I am hot or sexy or built or whatever the word is that we use to describe women who are used in swimsuit advertisements to fool people like me into believing 'oh yes it will look exactly like that on me'. My level of over-thinking is bewildering even to me.

Image: AI

Of course, my peer group doesn't make it easier. It's like we all made some unspoken pact that swimsuits are fine for ages 0 to 30. After which we conceal our post-partum/post-youth bodies under kaftans, the lengths of which are inversely proportional to the rating we give our legs. And then, as soon as we hit 65 we are once again OK'ed for public consumption because now it is taken for granted that we can't possibly be hot, sexy or built let alone think that of ourselves so swimsuits, even itty-bitty ones, are ironic.

I so desperately wanted to be the woman who looks at a swimsuit and thinks 'oh I like that one' and not 'oh my god what would I look like in that one' that a few years ago I learnt to swim. I joined a children's swim class, and along with my 6-year-old friends was taught the crawl. With my newfound skill I am over my fear of swimsuits. No longer do I linger pool-side, I am now in there swimming laps. Doing the activity my outfit was designed for gives me all the spunk I was previously lacking. In fact, I recently ordered a very expensive two-piece because I deserve it. Deserving expensive clothing was another thing I thought of as stupid. But I guess we all change eventually.

Through all of my swimsuit drama I learnt something about myself. Just because I don't cover my head doesn't mean I am not wearing a ghoongat. For all my high-handed feminist chitchat I care how I am perceived. I used to scoff at the women you sometimes see on holiday getting into hotel pools in salwar kameez and yes, it is a little odd but at least they were having fun and being real. I was the fake, nervous, miserable thing in my transparent cover-up. Worrying so much about what people might be thinking about what I was thinking that I actually learnt how to swim so I could justify my body in a swimsuit.

Women are told how to talk, walk and dress from an early age. Influencers describe in detail how to cover, disguise, enhance or distract other people from our body parts that aren't tight. Yet we are expected to have high self-esteem and be confident. Talk about a paradox. So here is an idea. Let's make a new pact, I'll go first and you repeat after me: If beauty lies in the eye of the beholder, then let that beholder be me.

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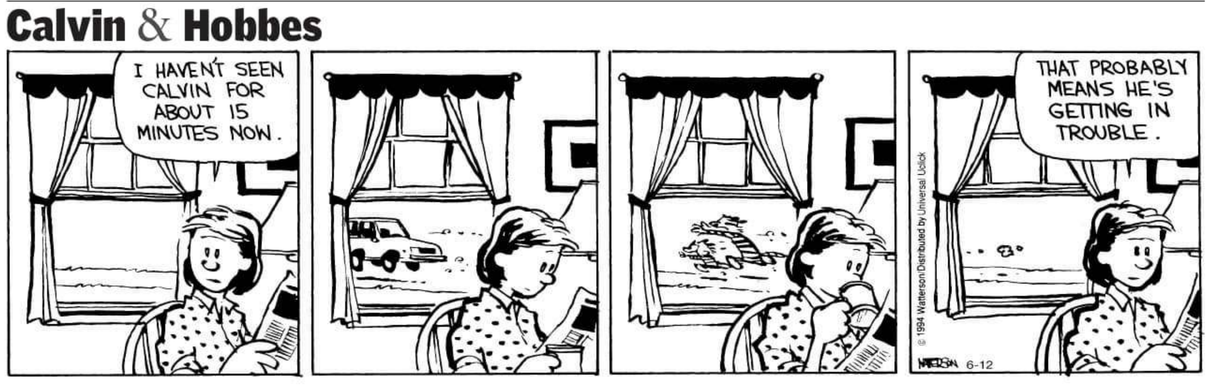
Of Life And Love
STORIES OF THE WAY WE ARE

Calvin & Hobbes



Sacred*space*

Monism and dualism are essentially the same...As dualists hold the Father and Son to be two, monists hold them to be really one. Dualism is in nature, in manifestation, and monism is pure spirituality in essence.

Swami Vivekananda

Bhoot Chaturdashi: Lamps, Greens, And Shakti

Amitava Basu

Observed in Bengali households the night before fervent blaze of Kali Puja, *Bhoot Chaturdashi* has an unmatched gravitas. Often misunderstood as merely a night of ghosts, it is in truth a sacred pause. It is a moment where the veil between the seen and the unseen becomes thin, allowing for deep introspection. This is not a celebration of fear, but a meditation on continuity. It is a reminder that spiritual journey begins not with dramatic gestures, but with quiet rituals rooted in memory, healing, and humility.

At the heart of the observance lies a pair of ancient gestures, each flowing into the other like twin streams of the same river – one luminous, and other earthy. The lighting of fourteen earthen lamps in the corners of the home is far from superstition. It is an act of remembrance and reverence. Each flame becomes a beacon, guiding ancestors back to the hearth. In this simple act, the invisible scaffolding of our existence is honoured, acknowledging that our lives are not isolated moments, but chapters in an eternal lineage. These lamps illuminate more than physical spaces. They light up the mind's darker recesses, dispelling ignorance, fear, and inner shadow. *Kathopanishad* warns, those who dwell in ignorance, mistaking it for wisdom, wander endlessly in darkness. These flames are not merely for the departed; they burn for the living, quietly urging to walk the path of dharm, to reflect, and correct course before the final curtain descends. Each lamp is also an offering to Yam, cosmic keeper of karm, gently reminding that righteous living is not optional but essential.

Running parallel to this luminous act is a ritual that speaks of wisdom of the earth. It is the consumption of fourteen varieties of leafy greens. On the surface, it appears to be a dietary custom shaped by the changing season, designed to strengthen the body as it faces the onset of winter. But there is deeper spiritual dimension. These greens, drawn from the soil, become instruments of purification that cleanse not just the body but the inner vessel, making it less vulnerable to subtle afflictions carried by negative energies. This practice is not a denial of the physical in favour of the spiritual. It is a holistic embrace of both. The Gita echoes this harmony: for one whose eating, recreation, and sleep are balanced, yog becomes destroyer of sorrow.

THE SPEAKING TREE

Together, these two rituals – one of light, the other of sustenance – form a coherent spiritual tapestry. The Bengali household, on this night, does not merely seek to keep ghosts at bay. It prepares itself, with devotion and mindfulness, to receive the intense, transformative force of Mother Kali the following day.

The night becomes a threshold, a liminal space where the past and present meet, where remembrance becomes a form of prayer and self-care, a sacred obligation. This is the silent eloquence of Bhoot Chaturdashi that spiritual awakening begins at home, not in grand declarations but in the quiet lighting of lamps, mindful offering of food, and deep inner knowing that our journey is never truly solitary.

16 judges recused from this whistleblower's suits

Magsaysay winner Sanjiv Chaturvedi's petitions are piling up at courts across the country. The whistleblower has fought cases alone, and even found Presidential support. So why are his battles being stalled?

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In a judicial system where recusals are rare and typically explained, 16 judges — across district courts, high courts and even Supreme Court — recused themselves from hearing one man's cases, most without offering a reason. That man is Sanjiv Chaturvedi, a 2002-batch Indian Forest Service officer known not for fiery speeches or media attention but corruption reports so meticulously documented that they have prompted Presidential interventions. After nearly a decade of legal drift and avoidance, the chief justice of Uttarakhand high court has now, finally, agreed to hear all his pending cases himself.

Chaturvedi walks into courtrooms alone. Sometimes, he argues his own cases, quietly quoting from case law. He avoids press interviews. He has no legal entourage. And yet, the names in his vigilance reports include senior bureaucrats, ministers, and institutional heads. What he lacks in theatre, he makes up for in records. But courtroom after courtroom has turned him away — not with judgment, but with absence.

An electrical engineer from Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology in Prayagraj, Chaturvedi became a public name not by choice, but by consequence. In Haryana, where he was first posted, he flagged illegal tree-felling, sand mining, and wildlife poaching — operations that, according to his findings, were protected by elements within the state's bureaucracy and political leadership. He was transferred 12 times in five years. In 2007, he was suspended — an action later reversed by Presidential order in 2008.

The Haryana govt filed a departmental chargesheet against him, accusing him of procedural lapses — charges he maintained were retaliatory. His complaint to the Centre led to the formation of a two-member inquiry committee. The panel reviewed the case and named then chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and senior officials, holding them responsible for corruption, abuse of power, and targeted harassment of the officer. The committee concluded that the disciplinary charges were "baseless", and recommended their annulment. It also advised that "action be considered against those who initiated them in bad faith".

In Jan 2011, the President accepted the committee's recommendation and quashed the chargesheet. In Feb that year, the Haryana governor implemented the Presidential order, reversing Chaturvedi's suspension and validating his actions. But in 2014, the same Congress-led Haryana govt filed a case seeking to quash both the inquiry report and the Presidential order — omitting the fact that its own governor had already implemented it. Chaturvedi filed his reply in 2016, which was taken on record by judge P B Bajanthri. In Feb 2018, the same judge fined him Rs 50,000, citing delay. A three-judge SC bench, led by the chief justice, waived the fine at first hearing. When Chaturvedi requested transfer of the matter to SC under Article 139A, citing similarity with other pending cases, SC left the issue to Punjab and Haryana high court.

By then, Chaturvedi had been posted as chief vigilance officer at AIIMS, Delhi. Between 2012 and 2014, he initiated over 200 corruption inquiries — ranging from purchase scams to appointment irregularities. Among those named was Vineet Chawdhary, a 1982-batch Himachal Pradesh cadre IAS officer and former deputy director (admin) at AIIMS, who was later appointed chief secretary by the BJP govt in Himachal Pradesh.

As CVO, Chaturvedi was authorised to report on the vigilance status of deputed officers. In Aug 2014, he sent a confidential letter to Himachal's chief secretary about pending CBI and departmental cases against Chawdhary, based on investigations conducted under his watch. In 2016, Chawdhary filed a criminal defamation complaint. A trial court issued summons in 2018.

Section 197 of the Criminal Procedure Code protects govt servants from prosecution for official acts without sanction. Section 499 of the Indian Penal Code exempts official communication from defamation.

A 2002-batch Indian Forest Service officer, Sanjiv Chaturvedi often argues his own cases. He's currently serving in Uttarakhand govt

> **Recusals are meant to protect judicial impartiality. But here, they've become a wall**
>
> — PRAMOD CHOUDHARY | ADVOCATE, SC

Both provisions have been repeatedly upheld by SC and HC. However, when Chaturvedi approached Himachal Pradesh high court, chief justice Sanjay Karol refused to quash the proceedings. SC later observed that HC had failed to consider Chaturvedi's submissions — but instead of halting the trial, it remanded the matter back to the same bench. The same HC had granted protection under section 197 CrPC in other cases, including to a top IPS officer.

Citing threats to his life, Chaturvedi had requested a cadre transfer, which was approved in Aug 2015. Of course, new challenges awaited. In 2016, the Union health ministry gave him a 'zero' appraisal for the financial year 2015-16. He filed a writ in Uttarakhand HC. Then chief justice K M Joseph refused to admit the petition, citing a 1997 SC ruling (L Chandrakumar), which required service matters to be routed through tribunals. However, records show that Joseph had previously entertained — and soon after resumed hearing — similar petitions, including by IFS officers under investigation.

Chaturvedi then approached the Central Administrative Tribunal, which stayed the appraisal report in Sept 2017. The stay remains in place as the central govt has not responded.

Meanwhile, a new pattern emerged: judges began recusing themselves. Sixteen in total, across SC, HC and district courts. Some stepped aside after reading case files, others during initial hearings. Most gave no reason. Chaturvedi had no legal remedy to challenge this trend.

"Recusals are meant to protect judicial impartiality. But here, they've become a wall," said SC advocate Pramod Choudhary. Chaturvedi's counsel Sudershan Goel cited SC rulings in R C Chandel (2012) and a 2019 verdict, both underscoring that judges are bound to decide cases based solely on facts and applicable law. "There is no precedent for this many recusals," Goel said. "It amounts to a constitutional breakdown of judicial accountability."

Though courts have often turned him away, national institutions have recognised Chaturvedi's work. He has delivered lectures on preventive vigilance at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy and Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration. He donated his entire Magsaysay award money to the Prime Minister's Fund, gave Rs 2.5 lakh from an arbitration case to Pulwama victims, and redirected court costs in his favour to the PM's National Relief Fund.

He was 40 when he received the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2015, making him one of the youngest Indian civil servants to win the honour — Kiran Bedi and T N Seshan were older. The citation praised his "exemplary integrity, courage and tenacity" in exposing corruption. His legal ability has also been recognised. A chief justice of Uttarakhand HC remarked that Chaturvedi argued "better than most counsel".

Now posted in Uttarakhand, he has shifted focus to conservation. He has led efforts to develop India's first moss garden, forest healing centre, and pollinator park. In Corbett, he stopped unauthorised VIP safaris and fake tourism portals. In 2024, he submitted a 500-page report on an illegal tree-felling scam in Pithoragarh, recommending a CBI and ED probe.

The cases he filed years ago continue to move slowly through the system. Judges still step aside. And he still walks in, alone, quoting law from memory, steadfast in his faith that truth will eventually triumph and he will be able to declare Satyameva Jayate.

THOSE WHO OPTED OUT

A look at judges and members who stepped aside from hearing Sanjiv Chaturvedi's petitions

Date	Judge/Member	Court / Tribunal	Case
Sept 16, 2013	**Ranjan Gogoi**	SC	Plea seeking CBI probe into Haryana corruption and harassment by then CM B S Hooda
Aug 2, 2016	**U U Lalit**	SC	Similar plea for CBI probe into Haryana corruption and harassment allegations
Apr 19, 2018	**Siddharth Sarpal**	ACJM, Shimla	Criminal defamation case filed by IAS officer Vineet Chaudhary against Chaturvedi
Jan 22, 2021	**L Narasimha Reddy (Chairman)**	CAT, Delhi	Case on central deputation, lateral entry, and 360-degree appraisal system
Feb 17, 2021	**R N Singh (Member, Judicial)**	CAT, Delhi	Same deputation and appraisal-related case
May 10, 2023	**Rakesh Thapliyal**	Uttarakhand HC	Case seeking anti-corruption investigation documents linked to "zero appraisal report"
Nov 21, 2023	**Manish Garg (Member, Judicial)**	CAT, Nainital	Case on rejection of empanelment at joint secretary level
Nov 21, 2023	**Chhabilendra Raul (Member, Administrative)**	CAT, Nainital	Same empanelment-related case
Feb 15, 2024	**Manoj Tewari**	Uttarakhand HC	Plea seeking hearing of empanelment document case pending before CAT
June 2024	**Dr A S Khati (Member, Administrative)**	CAT, Nainital	Case on "zero appraisal report" against former Union health minister J P Nadda
Jan 17, 2025	**Rajiv Joshi (Member, Judicial)**	CAT, Allahabad	Case on central deputation to Lokpal
Feb 19, 2025	**B Anand (Member, Administrative)**	CAT, Nainital	Zero appraisal report case
Feb 19, 2025	**Harvinder Kaur Oberoi (Member, Judicial)**	CAT, Nainital	Same zero appraisal report case
Apr 26, 2025	**Neha Kushwaha**	ACJM, Nainital	Criminal defamation case filed by Chaturvedi against CAT Member Manish Garg
Sept 26, 2025	**Ravindra Maithani**	Uttarakhand HC	Contempt petition against CAT members for disobeying HC stay order (Aug 12, 2025)
Oct 8, 2025	**Alok Verma**	Uttarakhand HC	Contempt case against CAT members and registry for alleged violation of stay orders

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Namely: **Vinod S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 35 Years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White Shirt & Blue Jeans and bare feet who was found Khatta Near Seva Bharati, Lal Bagh, Azadpur and later shifted to BSA Hospital from BJRM Hospital where he was declared dead. In this regard a **DD/FIR No. 23A, Dt. 03.10.2025**, has been registered at **P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi**.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO
P.S.: Adarsh Nagar, Delhi
Tel.: 8750870229

DP/14012/NW/2025
(UIDB)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Amit Saxena, S/o:** Kamal Kishore Saxena, **R/o:** 1755, Ground Floor, Outram Lane Kingsway Camp, **Delhi Also At:** C-1/38, Malka Ganj **Delhi, Also At:** J-47, Pustha Road Near OBC Bank Swaroop Nagar, **Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **CC No. 9207/16 U/s 138 Ni Act, P.S.: Prashant Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Amit Saxena,** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Amit Saxena,** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Amit Saxena,** of **CC No. 9207/16 U/s 138 Ni Act, P.S.: Prashant Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **15.12.2025**.

By Order
Rohit Kumar
Judicial Magistrate First Class-04
North, Court No.14
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/13990/RD/2025
(Court Matter)

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 26 Yrs., **Height:** 173 cm, **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing :** Navy Blue Colour T-Shirt and Brown Colour Lower, **Place of Recovery :** Found dead in Lok Nayak Hospital, Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 94A, Dated 05.10.2025** has been lodged at **Police Station: Kotwali, Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: Kotwali, Delhi
Ph.: 8750870121, 8527931642

DP/14007/N/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown found dead on 14.10.2025 at about 08:30 AM from area Metro Pillor 8 & 9, between Dabiya Wali Masjid, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 24 A, dated 14.10.2025** has been lodged at Police Station Mehrauli, Delhi. Identification of unidentified male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 40 Years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Face: Long, Wearing: Green Colour T-Shirt, Light White Colour Pant.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Mehrauli, Delhi
Ph.: 8750870824

DP/14045/SD/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 15.10.2025 at 4:25 PM From Kodiya Pul, Chandani Chowk, front of Janta Piyaau, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 102A, Dated 15.10.2025** has been lodged at Police Station **Kotwali, Delhi.** Physical Description of unidentified male dead body is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 40-45 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, ID Mark: "राजेश और प्रहार" has Tattooed on his right hand & he is also disabled from the right leg.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station Kotwali, Delhi
Ph.: 8750870121, 9289815972

DP/14099/N/2025

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Gulzar @ Sonu, S/o. Mehfuz Ali, R/o.: H. No. 523, Street No. 7, Phase-1, Mangolpuri, Palam, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide **FIR No.263/2025 Dt. 24.04.2025 U/S 115(1)/118(1)/126(2)/3(5) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 & 6 POCSO Act** registered at **P.S. Palam Village, South West District, New Delhi** and it has been returned on a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said **Gulzar @ Sonu** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that accused **Gulzar @ Sonu** is absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Gulzar @ Sonu**, accused of **FIR No.263/2025 Dt. 24.04.2025 U/S 115(1)/118(1)/126(2)/3(5) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 & 6 POCSO Act** registered at **P.S. Palam Village, South West District, New Delhi** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **24.11.2025 at 10.00 A.M.**

By Order, Santosh Kumar Singh
Addl. Sessions Judge FTSC (POCSO)-02,
Court No. 04, Ground Floor,
Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.

DP/14009/SW/2025
(Court Matter)

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 35 Yrs., **Height:** 5'7", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Oval, **Identification Marks:** Tattoo on the right hand depicts an image of the Deity Hanuman along with the name Sunil, **Wearing:** Red Colour T-Shirt and Black Colour Pajama, **Place of Recovery:** Found dead near Mayapuri Flyover on the carriage way towards Naraina in road traffic accident on 14.10.2025. The dead body of deceased has been preserved in DDU Hospital, Delhi Mortuary for identification.

In this regard **FIR No. 243/2025 U/s 281/106(1) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023, Dated 14.10.2025** has been registered at **Police Station: Kirti Nagar, Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: Kirti Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 8800252403, 7665900719

DP/14087/WD/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown was found dead on 04.10.2025 Jail Road Gurudwara, Hari Nagar, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 0002A, dated 05.10.2025** has been lodged at Police Station Hari Nagar, Delhi. The details of unidentified male is as under:

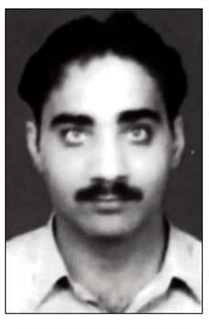
Name: Unknown, Age: 45 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, ID Mark: OSM Over Right Elbow, Wearing: Blue Colour Jeans and Brown Colour T-Shirt.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male undersigned may kindly be informed.

SHO
P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 8750871128, 8814800716

DP/14029/WD/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



JITENDER SINGH

General public is hereby informed that this person namely **Jitender Singh** S/o Gurbachan Singh Taper R/o A 74, Ground Floor, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi **Age :** 51 years, **Height :** 6 Feet, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Wheatish, wearing blue colour underwear and white colour sandow T-shirt has been missing from his house since 29.09.2025. In this regard a DD No. 92A dated 07.10.2025 has been lodged at P.S. Malviya Nagar, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 24368639,
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO : P.S. Malviya Nagar,
New Delhi.
Ph.: 7838543942, 8750870822

DP/14082/SD/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

RAHMAT

General Public is hereby informed that one Female (depicted in the photo) namely **Rahmat Tara D/o** Md. Lal Babu **R/o** H. No. A-69 Kailash Vihar, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi, **Age**-21 Yrs, has been reported missing since 13.10.2025 at 05.00 PM, from her residence vide **DD No. 146A, Dated: 14.10.2025,** registered at **Police Station Aman Vihar, Rohini Distt., Delhi.** Her physical description is as under:

Sex: Female, **Height:** 4'10", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Suit and Salwar and Slipper on her feet.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing female but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing female please inform to the following.

SHO,
Police Station,
Aman Vihar, Rohini Distt., Delhi
Ph.: 9953800662

Website: https://cbi.nic.in
DP/14075/RD/2025

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Hemant Kumar S/o Shri Sudharshan Kumar R/o JP-102, Clasic, A-7 Green Colony, Sector-134, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **CT No. 8613/2017, U/S 138 NI Act, Creative Group v/s Hemant Kumar, PS Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Hemant Kumar** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Hemant Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Hemant Kumar** of **CT No. 8613/2017, U/S 138 NI Act, Creative Group v/s Hemant Kumar, PS Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **18.11.2025.**

By Order,
Ms. Devanshi Janmeja
Judicial Magistrate First Class-04
South-East District Court No.-10
Saket Court Complex, New Delhi

DP/14015/SD/2025(Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

unknown

The general public is hereby informed that a Male whose name, residence and family is **unknown**, whose age is about 35 years was found dead near Lahori Gate Chowk, Delhi. The Dead Body of the Deceased Person is preserved at Subzi Mandi Mortuary, Delhi for 72 hours. In this regard, an information has been lodged vide **DD No. 90A Dated 10.10.2025 at PS Lahori Gate, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light, so far. The description of the UIDB is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** 35 Years, **Height:** 5'5" ft, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue Color Lower. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ Lahori Gate, Delhi.

SHO
PS, Lahori Gate, Delhi
Ph. No. 011-23952776,
011-23958234, 8130224142

DP/14036/N/2025

MP SIT to make more arrests in cough syrup tragedy: The SIT formed by the MP govt to probe the "killer" cough syrup, which resulted in the death of 24 children in MP, is set to arrest four more individuals connected to the company. TNN

TN bills verdict before CJI retires

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Adjourning hearing on two writ petitions filed by TN challenging the governor's decision, the bench said, "You would have to wait at most for four weeks to get a clear picture." A five-judge bench led by the CJI had on Sept 11 reserved verdict on President's Reference, questioning the jurisdiction of SC to fix time limits for the President and governors on granting or refusing assent to bills passed by a state assembly.

Since CJI Gavai is retiring on Nov 24, the judgment would have to be pronounced before that by the five judge-bench, which also comprises Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, P S Narasimha and A S Chandurkar. The President had framed 14 questions related to jurisdiction of SC and the ambit of its exclusive powers under Article 142

after a two-judge bench led by Justice J B Pardiwala had on Apr 8 granted deemed assent to 10 TN bills pending for months before the governor.

Appearing for TN, senior advocates A M Singhvi and Mukul Rohatgi said the governor cannot scrutinise the bills clause by clause to declare its repugnancy to central laws and refer it to the President.

"If the governor was to test the repugnancy of bills, then he should be sitting in SC and not in Raj Bhavan," Rohatgi said.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta said governors,

SG Tushar Mehta presented statistics before the court to show that only a minuscule percentage of bills sent to governors have been referred to President

since the coming into force of the Constitution in 1950, have been testing the repugnancy of bills and it is not a recent practice. Moreover, he presented statistics before the court to show that only a minuscule percentage of the bills sent to governors have been referred to the President.

He said of the 6,942 bills sent to governors in all states since 2015, assent has been granted in 6,481 bills, 50 have been returned with a message to assemblies, assent has been withheld in 11 and 381 bills have been reserved for consideration of the President.

India eyes FTAs with Chile, Peru for rare minerals

New Delhi: Commerce and industry minister **Piyush Goyal** said the govt is taking multiple steps to secure India's access to rare earth minerals, including negotiating free trade agreements (FTAs) with countries such as Chile and Peru, promoting domestic exploration, and engaging startups in recycling and processing them.

"Look at Chile and Peru... Why am I doing FTAs with them in the first place? It gives you the answer," Goyal said, while answering a question on rare earth mineral shortages at an ASSOCHAM event. "We are looking at increasing exploration activity-...I've been talking to startups engaged in this area, both for recycling of the waste and if we can create the processing of rare earth facilities in India, which is currently concentrated in one geography," he added. He also spoke on the need to diversify supply chains, noting, "We must all assess our respective supply chains."

Govt plans to lodge Choksi at Arthur Road jail in Mumbai

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CBI has provided the Belgian prosecutors with details of the fugitive diamantaire **Mehul Choksi**'s involvement in economic offences in India as well as his escape from US and Antigua in the past besides the two open warrants against him. The last extradition hearing took place in Sept.

According to a filing by the Indian govt, Choksi will be lodged at Arthur Road jail in Mumbai upon extradition which adheres to the European standards of prisoner management. Choksi will be provided all facilities, including clean drinking water and adequate food besides access to newspapers and TV and medical treatment of his choice.

The global operations centre of CBI is monitoring the developments in the case in direct coordination with foreign law enforcement agencies besides Interpol channels. It has also hired the services of a local law firm to bolster their case.

Wanted in bank fraud cases, Mehul Choksi had fled India in Jan 2018.

He went to the US and then to Antigua, whose citizenship he had obtained a year before. CBI filed an FIR on bank's complaint and started an investigation.

In 2021, Choksi vanished from Antigua and mysteriously resurfaced in Dominica while attempting to escape to Cuba on a boat. In 2022, five more cases were registered against him.

The fugitive diamantaire moved to to Belgium with his wife, Preeti, who is a Belgian citizen, after securing an 'F Residency Card' there.

Choksi also secured residency in Nov 2023. Choksi was finally arrested there on April 11 this year.

Assam's SIT has arrested seven people so far in Zubeen case

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Singapore's Coroners Act 2010 governs investigations into unnatural deaths or those suspected to have resulted, directly or indirectly, from an accident.

Assam's SIT, headed by special DGP M P Gupta, has arrested seven people so far and slapped charges of murder, culpable homicide not amounting to murder, criminal conspiracy and causing death by negligence on them.

The arrested suspects include North East India Festival organiser Shyamkanu Mahanta, **Zubeen Garg**'s band members Shekhar Jyoti Goswami and Amritprava Mahanta, his manager Siddhartha Sharma, and cousin Sandipan Garg.

The latter is an Assam Police Service officer who had travelled with the singer to Singapore.

Zubeen's two PSOs, Nandeswar Bora and Prabin Baishya, have also been arrested, although neither had accompanied him on that trip.

Goswami alleged during his interrogation that the singer-actor was poisoned to death.

BJP plans 'justice & legacy' campaign

Guwahati: BJP has crafted a campaign out of Assam's most emotive current issue – music icon Zubeen Garg's passing – to "honour his legacy" and meet "public expectations of a fast-track trial" based on the findings of the investigation into the circumstances of his death in Singapore, reports **Prabin Kalita.**

The proposed launch of "Moiu Zubeen, amiou Zubeen" (I am Zubeen, we are also Zubeen)" on Oct 23 is a counter to the opposition's criticism of the BJP govt over its handling of the probe. "Justice can sometimes be delayed. But the people of Assam want swift justice. That's why BJP is pushing for the appointment of a special public prosecutor and a foolproof charge sheet," CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said. BJP plans to build statues of Zubeen across constituencies and set up music schools named after him and Bhupen Hazarika, among other activities.

Pay hike for HP CM, ministers & MLAs

Just days ahead of Diwali, the debt-ridden HP govt has gifted a hike in salaries and allowances to the chief minister, cabinet ministers, Vidhan Sabha speaker, deputy speaker, and MLAs, besides increasing the pension of former MLAs. This is the first raise for MLAs, ministers and the CM in around nine years. The move came after HP govt notified amendments to three key Acts following the governor's assent. TNN

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)

N.I.T. No.	104-105-2025-26-W-IV
Name of work with its location	**NIT No.-104:** Raising and extension of rail level platform no. 1 & 2 to high level platform t Himmatpura Railway station in the section of SSE/W/JHL under ADEN/JHL. **Similar nature of work:** Any Civil work other than track work.
	NIT No-105: Raising, extension, Improvement of platform surface of PF no. 1, 2 & 3 at MASK Railway station in the section of SSE/W/JHL under ADEN/JHL **Similar nature of work:** Any Civil work other than track work.
Approx. Cost of work:	**NIT No.-104:** ₹3,99,31,523.14 **NIT No.-105:** ₹1,98,85,602.24
Earnest Money deposited	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. **Note:** FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 2010025//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016
	NIT No.-104: ₹3,99,31,523.14 **NIT No.-105:** ₹2,49,400.00
Completion period of work	**For NIT No.-104 & 105:** 06 Months
Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs. on 11.11.2025 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. on 11.11.2025
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**

No.: 128-W/280/OET/2025-26/NIT-104-105-W-IV Dated: 17.10.2025 3236/2025

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)

Tender No. 558-Sig-16-Tele-OT-1023 Dated: 17.10.2025

Name of work with its location	Provision of Telecom facilities in Conference hall & Auditorium in newly constructed Railway offices & Officers Rest House at Tilak Bridge Near ITO, New Delhi
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 2,21,40,632.08/- only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹ 2,60,700.00/- only
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading/closing date & time- 10.11.2025 up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in** & Notice board at the S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE MAHENDERGARH	RUNNING TRACK IN STADIUM MGARH.(UNDER D-PLAN). + 9 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 24.10.2025	1,64,20,574/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9499126150 secy-mgarh@ulbharyana.gov.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO 39591

Ghaziabad Development Authority
VIKAS PATH, GHAZIABAD
(ISO 9001 : 2015 & ISO 14001 : 2015 certified organization)

Letter No.- 505/4/EE Zone-3/2025-26 Dated : 17.10.2025

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA) Invites Open Tender from experienced and eligible prospective bidder firms for Request for Proposal (RFP) for **"The Development of Viksit Bharat Park, Madhuban Bapudham with Operation and Maintenance (O&M) For 15 Years."**

Details of RFP can be downloaded from website **http://etender.up.nic.in** from date18.10.2025, 17:00 hrs.

Last date of uploading of e-Bid: - 14.11.2025, 17:00 hrs
Date of Opening of Technical Bid: - 15.11.2025, 11:00 hrs
Date of Opening of Financial Bid: - To Be communicated later

Further enquiry regarding above RFP can be made from Executive Engineer (EE Zone-3) on mobile No. 9918001944 during office hours (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM).

Chief Engineer

ई-मेल : helplinegda@gmail.com, : @ Gda Ghaziabad : @ gdagzb
हेल्पलाईन 0120-4418 384, व्हाट्सएप: 9990988004 वेबसाईट: www.gdaghaziabad.in

एक सुन्दर शहर ..... हमारा संकल्प

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR PROVISION OF LIFTS IN STATIONS UNDER SUGAMYA BHARAT ABHIYAN

The CPM, GSU, South East Central Railway acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for execution of work as mentioned below:

Tender Notice No.: CPM-GSU-22-NAG-2025-26
Name of the Work: Execution of Civil Works for provision of Lifts under Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (Phase II) at Stations Chhindwara (CWA), Seoni (SEY), Nainpur (NIR) & Mandla Fort (MFR) of SECR, Nagpur Division.
Appx. Tender Value: ₹ 2,69,66,265/-
Bid Security: ₹ 2,84,800/-
Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids up to **15:00** Hrs. of **07.11.2025** only.
Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be rejected.
Details are available on our website: **www.ireps.gov.in**

Dy. Chief Engineer-GSU
South East Central Railway, Nagpur
AIM/31-154

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

HARYANA STATE ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
SCO 111-113, Sector 17-B, Chandigarh. 160017
Ph. 0172-2704922, 2922085

Hartron/AWD-II/2025/02
EMPANELMENT OF TRAINERS

Hartron invites Online Applications for Empanelment of Trainers for Hartron Advanced Skill Centres (HASC) across the State of Haryana and the Union Territory of Chandigarh aiming to provide advanced skill education in emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Cyber Security, Cloud Computing, Internet of Things (IoT), and other futuristic domains.

For more details and updates, please visit our official website i.e. hartron.org.in. Interested Applicants can apply online from 21.10.2025 to 04.11.2025 on Hartron's website. The selection process will be held at Hartron Panchkula/HMSDC Gurugram/IDDC Ambala Centres only. No communication will be sent separately to individuals.

MD, HARTRON reserves the right to vary/cancel the Empanelment process based on the requirement, without assigning any reason.

Issued through:DPR,Haryana/Advt. No. 39568 Managing Director

म.प्र. स्टेट सिविल सप्लाईज कार्पोरेशन लि.
मुख्यालय, भोपाल
क्रमांक/ग.नि./795452/2025/284 भोपाल, दिनांक : 17.10.2025

प्रदेश में गेंहू, धान एवं अन्य उपजों (सीएमआर चावल के अतिरिक्त) के उपार्जन के समय स्वीकार किये जाने के पूर्व गुणवत्ता का परीक्षण किये जाने के लिए "सर्वेयर" की नियुक्ति हेतु

पुन: निविदा (2nd Call) आमंत्रण सूचना

कार्पोरेशन द्वारा समर्थन मूल्य पर प्रदेश में गेंहू, धान एवं अन्य उपजों के उपार्जन के समय उनकी गुणवत्ता का परीक्षण किये जाने के लिए "सर्वेयर" की नियुक्ति हेतु पात्र निविदाकारों से ऑनलाइन ई-निविदा वेबसाइट **https:/www.mptenders.gov.in** पर आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। इस हेतु पात्र सेवा प्रदाताओं से निर्धारित निविदा दस्तावेज जिसमें निविदा कार्यक्रम (समय-सीमा), निर्देशों, शर्तें, नियमों प्रावधान का विस्तृत उल्लेख है, अनुसार आमंत्रित हैं।
निविदा दस्तावेज, नियम एवं शर्तों आदि का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट **https:/www.mptenders.gov.in** एवं **www.mpscsc.mp.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है। निविदा दस्तावेज एवं निविदा प्रक्रिया ऑनलाइन भरने हेतु संबंधित तकनीकी सहयोग व स्पष्टीकरण प्राप्त करने हेतु **टोल-फ्री नंबर 0120-4001002, 0120-4001005, 0120-4200462 एवं 0120-6277787 पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं।**
म.प्र. माध्यम/122629/2025 **महाप्रबंधक (गु.नि.)**

MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LIMITED

INVITATION FOR TENDER: MRVC/W/246

(One Envelope e-Procurement Tender Process)

Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. (MRVC) having its corporate office at Second Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai–400020, invites e-Tenders for the **"Procurement of Escalators and Elevators (20 passengers) for PF / Deck and lifts for staff Quarters & Service Buildings at the station between Borivali-Virar of Western Railway."** Details of Tender and Tender document are available on e-procurement website **https://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**. The last date for completed e-Tender submission at website **https://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** is **20.11.2025** up to **15:00 hours. Corrigendum, if any, will be posted on the website only.** SNP 05

MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LIMITED

Advertisement No.98/2025
Government of India
Public Enterprises Selection Board invites applications for the post of
Director (Projects)
In
Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd.
Last date of submission of application by the applicant is by 15:00 hours on **06/11/2025**
Last date of forwarding of applications by the Nodal officers to PESB is by 17:00 hours on **15/11/2025**
For details login to website https://pesb.gov.in

EASTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM to Advertisement of **E-Auction Programme** of Eastern Railway for the month of **October, 2025** published earlier by Chief Materials Manager/Sales, Eastern Railway, 17, N.S. Road, Kolkata-700001. A partial modification may be made in the e-Auction programme of BESY, Jamalpur, Halisahar, Howrah & Sealdah for the month of October, 2025 as under and the other dates of Depots & Divisions shall remain unaltered.

Depot/ Division	Additional Date
Halisahar Depot	24.10.2025
Howrah Division	30.10.2025
Sealdah Division	30.10.2025
BESY Depot	31.10.2025
Jamalpur Depot	31.10.2025

(STORES-42/2025-26)
Tender Notices are also available at website: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in
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Ph: 011-23007218, Fax: 011-23014576

INVITING THE NOMINATIONS FOR DRDO NATIONAL LEVEL AWARDS FOR THE YEARS 2024 & 2025

DRDO is inviting nominations for the following two categories of National Level Awards for the years 2024 & 2025 to recognise and honour individuals who have exhibited exceptional research contribution in the field of Defence Science and Technology:-

(i)	Dr. Kothari Defence Science Award	01 award each carrying a citation and cash amount of Rs. 10 Lakhs for both the years 2024 & 2025 separately
(ii)	Dr. Kalam Defence Technology Award	01 award each carrying a citation and cash amount of Rs. 10 Lakhs for both the years 2024 & 2025 separately

Individuals serving in Government or Public or Private Sectors may be nominated for their distinguished services contributed in the field of Basic Research in Defence Science or in the field of Development of Defence Technology.

The nomination in the prescribed nomination format for National Level Awards will be accepted only through the Ministry / Departments / Organisation / Private Agencies (the consent of the nominee reflected through his signature in the Nomination Form and Personal Information Form is mandatory). The nominations **directly** from any individual will NOT be accepted.

The nominations may be submitted to Directorate of Personnel, DRDO HQ, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi-110011 within 45 days from the date of publication of advertisement. A soft copy of the nomination form duly completed with all compulsory documents may be mailed to email ID dte-pers.hqr@gov.in.

The prescribed pro-formas and further details are available on DRDO website (***https://drdo.gov.in***).

*** The nominations received in response to this office advertisement dated 18 Oct 2024 for the year 2024 stands cancelled.**

CBC 10301/11/0116/2526

कार्यालय महानिदेशक, सूचना एवं लोक सम्पर्क विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड
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पत्रांक: 885/सू.एवंलो.सं.वि.(प्रशा.)-04/2025 दिनांक : 17 अक्टूबर, 2025

ई-निविदा शुद्धि पत्र

गणतंत्र दिवस-2026 नई दिल्ली हेतु तथा भारत पर्व, नई दिल्ली एवं देहरादून या अन्य स्थानों पर झांकी के निर्माण/प्रदर्शन करने सम्बन्धी टेण्डर नोटिस संख्या 853/सू.एवंलो.सं.वि. (प्रशा.)-04/2025, दिनांक 08 अक्टूबर, 2025 के क्रम में प्रस्तर 8 (2) के बाद प्रस्तर 8(3) निम्न बिन्दु जोड़ा जाता है:-
उत्तराखण्ड राज्य स्थापना दिवस, 09 नवम्बर, 2025 को देहरादून में विभिन्न विभागों द्वारा विभिन्न विषयों पर 1 से अधिक तथा 10 से कम झांकियों के निर्माण हेतु दरें प्रस्तुत की जाय। शेष शर्तें एवं नियम यथावत रहेंगी।

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बंशीधर तिवारी
महानिदेशक

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ONCE MORE, WITH FEELING... Rohit Sharma (right) and Virat Kohli (second from left) are the only two players in the lineup who haven't played any competitive cricket since the IPL. But images from Perth show the duo has been training rigorously

When Virat Kohli was scoring that second-innings century in Perth about 11 months ago, little did he know that it would be his last in Tests. A lot has happened since then — he has retired from red-ball cricket — and is now in a battle to extend his ODI career, starting with the first ODI against Australia on Sunday at the same Optus Stadium.

Rohit Sharma didn't play that Test match but his career, too, has gone on a similar trajectory, culminating in his removal as ODI captain before the Australia series. The Indian cricket world is deeply divided over whether these two modern-day greats should still be part of the ODI team, forcing young guns like Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma and Abhishek Sharma to wait in the wings.

Former India coach Ravi Shastri said in a podcast recently that both Rohit and Virat would probably "see how it goes" in the Australia series and decide whether they still have it in them to carry on.

WV Raman, who coached a young Virat when he was the U-19 India captain, feels it should be completely left to two legends on when to take a call. "Did anybody ask them when they started playing cricket, why you are doing so? And let's not forget, they are performing in ODIs, so you can't just tell them to go," Raman, a former India player, told **TOI**.

But then, Rohit is 38 and Virat 36. The first question that comes to mind is whether the conditions in Australia will be too much of a challenge for them. It is, after all, not easy to come back from a long break and start scoring runs with hardly any match-practice under your belt — the opposition has Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood in the bowling attack.

But then, Rohit remains the only visiting batter to score four centuries against Australia in their own den, the highest being a 171 at WACA in Perth back in 2016. Virat, on the other hand, has three against the Aussies Down Under, a record that he shares with Sir Vivian Richards.

Raman feels the conditions won't be that big a problem in ODIs for either of the two, even though they are coming from a break. "If you look at white-ball pitches across the world, they are normally batting friendly with not much sideways movement. That leaves you with bounce, something that both Virat and Rohit feed off. I'd say they are better off playing in Australia than on a slow turner back home, where the ball keeps low. Here, they can ride the bounce and score quickly," Raman said.

Rohit and Virat, though, are the only two players in the Indian lineup who haven't played any competitive cricket since the IPL. But from the visuals of the two practising at the Optus nets, one gets the impression they are not short on training.

Kohli looks crisp in his shot-making and physically fit as ever, putting in the hard yards in England, with RCB coach Dinesh Karthik saying that the man with 51 ODI tons is motivated to play the 2027 World Cup in South Africa.

Rohit, on the other hand, has lost significant weight and is looking at his leanest in a very long time. Scenes of his practice sessions at the BKC Complex in Mumbai have also gone viral.

India's former assistant coach Abhishek Nayar, who is also the right-hander's friend, told Star Sports how Rohit wanted to change the perception around him in the 12 weeks before the Australia series. "He looked at growth and not maintaining — growth with regards to physical structure and movements. These 12 weeks were about making a difference, to be healthier, faster and fitter," Nayar said in the interview.

That, in a nutshell, explains the desperation of the ODI legend to be part of the Indian set-up and take a crack at the title that he has not won — the 50-over World Cup. It's still one-and-a-half years to go, but Rohit believes he can defy age, deal with the humiliation of the captaincy being taken away from him despite winning the Champions Trophy and fight on.

"Both Rohit and Virat have been pretty demanding captains. They know what the team wants from them and they are immensely responsible cricketers. Don't forget there is a ready-made replacement (in Jaiswal) for both of them, who is there in the squad itself. So they know how strong the competition is going to be," Raman said.

Given where they are in their lives right now, the challenge for 'Ro-Ko' will probably be the sternest that they have faced in their illustrious careers. Indications are that reputations won't matter for the management if the runs don't come, but that's the nature of the beast. And no one knows it better than two of the best in the business.

IN ODIS VS AUSTRALIA

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Rohit Sharma	46	46	4	2407	209	57.30	8	9	96.01

1 **Rohit Sharma is the only visiting batter to hit four tons vs Australia in ODIs**, that too at four different venues. Apart from Rohit's four hundreds in 19 innings, **Virat Kohli (18 innings) & Vivian Richards (38 innings) are the only visiting batters to score three tons** vs Australia in Australia. —Rajesh Kumar

"It will be silly to put them (Rohit and Kohli) on trial for every game. Once they start playing they will be assessed but they are not on trial." —Ajit Agarkar

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Colombo: South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 10 wickets under DLS Method in a rain-shortened women's World Cup match in Colombo. Opting to bat, Sri Lanka scored 105/7 after the match was reduced to 20-overs-a-side contest due to a rain interruption.

The target for South Africa was revised to 121 from 20 overs under DLS Method. Captain Laura Wolvaardt and Tazmin Brits remained not out on 60 and 55 respectively as South Africa chased down the target, reaching 125/0 in 14.5 overs **Scores: South Africa 125/0 in 14.5 overs** (Laura Wolvaardt 60*, Tazmin Brits 55*) **beat Sri Lanka 105/7 in 20 overs** (Vishmi Gunaratne 34; Nonkululeko Mlaba 3/30) by 10 wickets. PTI

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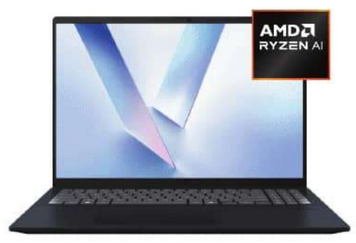

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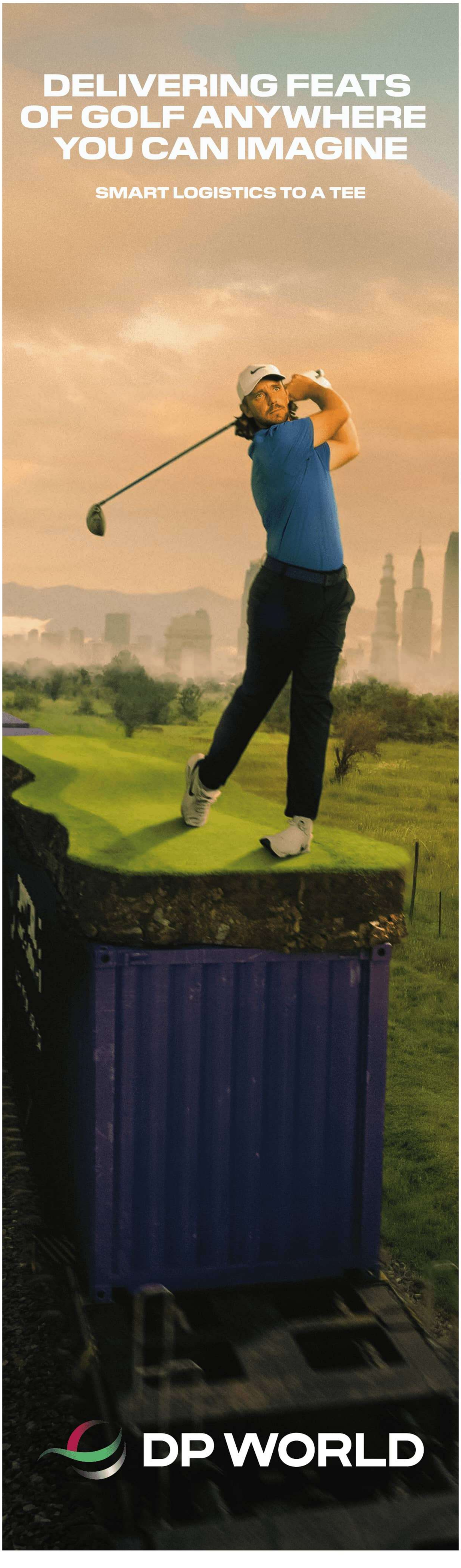
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SC seeks MHA, CBI plan to dismantle cybercrime mafia

'Need Stern Action Pan-India To Unearth Digital Arrest Syndicate'

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday sought to know from the ministry of home affairs and CBI what pan-India action was required to unearth cybercrime syndicates extorting money from people, especially senior citizens, by threatening them with digital arrest.

"We are of the prima facie view that stern action on pan-India basis with coordinated efforts between central (agencies) and state police is required to unearth the full extent of this criminal enterprise involving forgery of judicial documents, cyber extortion and cyber arrest of innocent people, especially senior citizens," a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said.

The order came in a writ petition registered suo motu by SC after a septuagenarian couple from Ambala alleged that fraudsters forced them to part with over Rs 1 crore by displaying forged SC orders through WhatsApp and video conferencing. "We are aghast that the fraudsters fabricated judicial orders in the name of SC and various other documents," the court said.

The bench said ordinarily it would have ordered the Ambala cyber cell to expedite the probe but when judicial orders and judge's signatures were forged with impunity, and the crime appeared to be spreading to many parts of the country, coordinated investigation was required. It requested attorney general R Venkataramani to assist the court in the matter.

"Forgery of documents and brazen criminal misuse of the name, seal, and judicial authority of SC or (Bombay) HC is a matter of grave concern. The fabrication of judicial orders bearing forged signatures of judges strikes at the very foundation of public trust in the judicial system, besides the rule of law," SC said. "Such acts constitute a direct assault on the dignity and majesty of this institution; therefore, such grave criminal acts cannot be treated as ordinary or routine offences of cheating or cybercrime."

TDP MLA under 'digital arrest' loses ₹1 crore

Hyderabad: In yet another "digital arrest", TDP MLA Putta Sudhakar Yadav was allegedly duped of over Rs 1 crore by criminals impersonating Mumbai cybercrime officials, reports **Mahesh Buddi**. The fraudsters threatened to arrest him in a fabricated case of money laundering and human trafficking, and forced him to transfer the money to get "provisional bail".

The 61-year-old MLA from Mydukur approached the Hyderabad cybercrime police on Thursday evening. According to the complaint, at 7.30am on Oct 10, he got a call from a man identifying himself as Gaurav Shukla, a Mumbai cybercrime police officer. The caller claimed an FIR had been registered against the MLA in Mumbai.

Saradha: SC rejects CBI plea on anticipatory bail to WB DGP

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a special leave petition (SLP) filed by CBI challenging a Calcutta HC order that had granted anticipatory bail to West Bengal DGP and former Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar in connection with the multi-crore Saradha chit fund scam.

A bench of CJI B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran directed that the contempt of court case — regarding allegations that state police were interfering with CBI's investigation — be listed after eight weeks.

In Nov 2019, SC had directed the IPS officer to respond to CBI's appeal challenging the anticipatory bail granted to him. Before this, HC had granted Kumar anticipatory bail, observing that custodial interrogation was "not justified" in the circumstances. A bench of Justices Sahidullah Munshi and Subhasis Dasgupta had noted that Kumar, who as commissioner of Bidhannagar Police headed the SIT before the probe was handed over to CBI, had appeared before the central agency for questioning on multiple occasions. AGENCIES

J'khand: Exempt 60 sqkm of Saranda from sanctuary

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Jharkhand was ready to declare 250 sqkm as a sanctuary, the state told Supreme Court, submitting that notifying the entire area would affect the livelihoods of approximately 91,000 tribal inhabitants

New Delhi: After agreeing to declare 310 sqkm of pristine Sal tree forest in Saranda game reserve as a sanctuary and risking contempt proceedings, Jharkhand govt on Friday told Supreme Court it was ready to notify 250 sqkm and sought exemption of 60 sqkm on the grounds that they were inhabited by a huge tribal population.

Appearing for the state, senior advocate Kapil Sibal presented Google Maps to demonstrate that 250 sqkm were substantially free of habitation and placed before a bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran a draft notification for the area. SC has already exempted the mines operated by Steel Authority of India within the limits of Saranda forest.

Senior advocate Gaurav Sharma, appearing for tribals, said declaring the entire 310 sqkm as a sanctuary would severely impact the livelihood of the approximately 91,000-strong tribal population, which resided in 99 villages within the proposed sanctuary limits. He said the forest rights of the tribal people should be settled prior to declaring the forest as a sanctuary.

Both the bench and amicus curiae K Parameswaran said that a sanctuary was different from a national park, where no habitation is allowed. In a sanctuary, forest dwellers' rights remain protected, the amicus said.

Parameswaran accused Jharkhand govt of attempting to shield mining activities by seeking exemption of 60 sqkm. Sibal protested and said there was no mining activity in that area.

The bench said exempting 60 sqkm from the proposed sanctuary would disturb the contiguity of forest. However, it agreed to consider the entire issue, including rights of forest dwellers, on Oct 27. It also asked state govt to give details of mining activities in the 60 sqkm area.

HC: 'Functional sight' enough for govt job

New Delhi: Delhi HC has said "seeing" is not limited to physical sight, but extends to the ability to understand, reports **Abhinav Garg**. "The function of sight... is in fact largely performed by the brain... power of cognition and understanding vests in the brain, not solely the eye, which acts only as a recorder and transmitter," it said.

"If a blind candidate, with the aid of assistive devices, is able to perceive what is necessary to discharge the functions of the JE (Law) post, they must be regarded as possessing the functional attribute of sight," HC said Thursday, partly allowing a plea by three candidates against their rejection by AAI for govt posts.

IBC case can't shield directors from cheque bounce trial: HC

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HC said while IBC's moratorium protected corporate debtors, it did not automatically extend to directors or individual signatories

Nagpur: The Nagpur bench of Bombay high court has ruled that insolvency proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) do not exempt company directors or signatories from prosecution in cases of cheque dishonour.

Justice MM Nerlikar, allowing a petition filed by a Nagpur-based hospital against Amravati Distilleries directors, observed that the pendency of insolvency proceedings could not nullify the personal liability of "natural persons".

"It makes no difference whether proceedings (for bounced cheque) are initiated prior to the IBC proceeding or thereafter. Supreme Court has held in unequivocal terms that natural persons cannot escape from their personal liability under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act," he said.

The case arose after the hospital lent Rs15 lakh to the distillery in 2015 through its directors. The post-dated cheque issued as repayment security bounced in Dec 2018 because of "insufficient funds", leading to a legal notice and subsequent criminal complaint. However, the trial court dropped the proceedings, citing a moratorium under Section 14 of IBC, which was declared by National Company Law Tribunal on Feb 14, 2018.

Justice Nerlikar, citing SC rulings in P Mohanraj versus Shah Brothers Ispat Ltd (2021) and Rakesh Bhanot versus Gurdas Agro Ltd (2025), clarified while IBC's moratorium protected corporate debtors, it did not automatically extend to directors or individual signatories.

Emphasising the distinction between insolvency and cheque bounce prosecutions, the court reiterated, "It is crystal clear that proceedings under Section 138 of the NI Act are not recovery proceedings. Once the apex court has held that IBC proceedings and Section 138 prosecutions are altogether different, it is not open for this court to take a different view."

'Trans rights reduced to dead letters': SC, appoints panel to frame job, edu policy

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New Delhi: It was 11 years ago that Supreme Court recognised transgender people as the 'third gender' and upheld their fundamental right to equality and dignity.

Observing that discrimination still continued, however, the court on Friday appointed a committee headed by a retired Delhi HC judge to frame a comprehensive equal opportunity policy for the community in the arenas of employment and education. It also directed setting up of a transgender protection cell and a dedicated nationwide toll-free helpline number.

A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan expressed its anguish over the "lethargic" attitude of the Centre and states to protect the community's rights. It said the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 — which sought to prevent social exclusion, discrimination, unemployment and lack of educational and medical facilities faced by transgender persons — remained in law books and was never implemented in true spirit. The law was "brutishly reduced to dead letters", SC said, for which both Centre and states were to blame.

SC said stakeholders had not only exhibited 'a serious and perennial lack of action', but reinforced bias against the trans community despite the existence of a statutory framework

"We are pained to observe that there has either been a superficial and sporadic, or a complete lack of implementation of measures to ensure the prevention of discrimination against transgender persons in various spheres of life, both public and private... The right against discrimination of transgender and gender diverse persons has long been recognised by this court ever since the judgment in NALSA (supra) wherein it was held that the ground of 'sex' under Article 15 of the Constitution also includes the analogous ground of gender identity," SC said.

The court said all stakeholders concerned had not only exhibited "a serious and perennial lack of action", but also reinforced discrimination towards the community despite the existence of a statutory framework. It said govt authorities must provide due respect and consideration to the constitutional value underlying public participation.

"There is no gainsaying that the Union of India and the states need to do a lot more to create mechanisms for the transgender persons to translate their rights into reality. The lethargy exhibited on part of the govt concerned has also led the non-state establishments to put the compliance of the 2019 Act and of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 in a cold freeze. This abeyance of rights is a matter of serious concern," it said.